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INVENTORY AND TEMPORARY CESSATION OF DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN BELGIUM AND OTHER SUSPECTED COUNTRIES

To safeguard the interests of public health and for consumer protection, in view of news reports regarding the dioxin contamination of food in Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, and France, you are hereby ordered to check inventory of processed meat and meat products, processed poultry, milk and milk products produced from January 1999 and to remove these stocks from commercial display and hold distribution until further notice from this Office. (See attached copy of products of concern and advisory for the food industry.)

You are hereby directed to submit to this office at the soonest possible time from receipt of this circular the inventory of the subject food products.

For your guidance and immediate compliance.

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Potential Dioxin Contamination of Food in Belgium

1. Products of concern

Meat and Poultry

- frozen carcass and meat cuts
- processed meat and poultry

Eggs

- egg powder
- processed food products with >2% egg
- mayonnaise, pasta and cakes

Milk and Milk Products

- whole milk
- anhydrous milk fat
- butter