

General / informative notification in the context of EWS procedure

Sunflower oil adulterated with refined poultry oil from the Ukraine

GMP+ International has been informed by FEDIOL, the European federation of the vegetable oil and protein meal industry of the fact that crude sunflower oil has appeared on the Ukrainian market, adulterated with refined poultry oil. Although it is unknown whether this adulteration involves any risks for feed safety, GMP+ International believes it to be important to notify GMP+ participants of this signal.

It is currently unknown whether any adulterated sunflower oil has been distributed into the GMP+ chain.

If any GMP+ participants are involved in this incident, they are asked to fill out the EWS-form and to send it to GMP+ International (ews@gmpplus.org).

GMP+ International will publish a new EWS warning as soon as new information is available.

Warning

GMP+ International asks all GMP+ certified companies:

1. to take cognizance of the FEDIOL statement attached to this warning, and
2. to be alert to possible adulterated with refined poultry oil in the purchase of sunflower oil from the Ukraine.

Rijswijk, November 17th 2015

Annex: FEDIOL statement, November 16th 2015



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**FEDIOL Statement on sunflower seed oil in Ukraine
adulterated with refined poultry oil**

FEDIOL has recently been made aware that crude sunflower seed oil appeared on the Ukrainian market, adulterated with refined poultry oil.

Data collected from FEDIOL members on imports from Ukraine in the last 6 months confirms no exceedance of normal cholesterol levels which indicates that there is no case of adulteration reported in the EU. However, FEDIOL continues investigating through its members the situation on the European market on imported sunflower seed oils from Ukraine and will share the results with European authorities.

FEDIOL has recommended its members to take preventive measures and to verify cholesterol levels of incoming crude sunflower seed oils, as an indicator for possible adulteration, so to ensure that no adulterated oil is put onto the European market for food and feed uses.

According to CODEX standards, cholesterol levels in crude sunflower seed oil should be at a maximum of 0,7 % related to total sterols. Some EU member states have, however, a 0,5 % legal limit.

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