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## Alert: Elevated dioxin levels in maize and maize gluten meal

GMP+ International and EFISCH have informed OVOCOM of a possible maize (origin: Ukraine) and maize gluten meal (origin : Spain) contamination with dioxins.

Within precise batches of Spanish maize gluten meal, dioxin levels of up to 1.447 ng WHO-PCDD/FTEQ/kg have been measured, an obvious exceedance of the norm of 0.75 ng WHO-PCDD/FTEQ/kg. The maize gluten meal has been produced with contaminated maize from Ukraine. The fuel used for drying (direct drying) is probably the origin of this contamination.

The concerned buyers have been informed. So far, no implication from FCA certified companies has been recorded.

GMP+ International specifies that, at the moment, it is unknown whether several batches of contaminated maize from Ukraine have been distributed in the feed chain. Therefore, OVOCOM asks all FCA certified companies to be vigilant for a possible contamination of maize (and of its derived products) of this origin with dioxins.

