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## 3663 Statement on presence of horsemeat in beef burgers and pork DNA in beef meals

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### **Background**

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland published findings on 15<sup>th</sup> January of analysis carried out into the authenticity of burger products and beef meals from retail outlets in Ireland. The testing of 27 burger products revealed that 10 contained horse DNA and 23 contained pig DNA. Additionally 21 beef meals tested positive for pig DNA.

### **Is there any health risk?**

Whilst it is not acceptable to find presence of this DNA in these products the food safety authorities have confirmed that they **do not** consider there is a risk to health.

### **What are 3663 doing about their products?**

3663 Own Brand beef burgers and beef meals are not supplied by any of the processing plants that are implicated (namely Liffey Meats, Silvercrest Foods and Dalepark Hambleton). We can confirm that our Own Brand beef burgers are not affected.

The safety and quality of our Own Brand products are rigorously monitored with thorough checks in place on supplier approval, product formulation and product testing.

We are working closely with the food safety authorities and all of our suppliers and will update our communication as more information becomes available.

For further information, please contact the Advice Centre on 0370 3663 000