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Decision by The Food Safety Commission on the permitted level of Saponaria Officinalis in Halva manufacture and import

During the 172nd meeting of the Food Safety Commission held today 8th July 2008, it was decided that:

1. in view of the European Food Safety Authority ruling to allow Member States to adopt their own permitted level of saponaria officinalis
2. as a result of enquiries with other Member States on their accepted levels of saponaria officinalis

the permitted level of Saponaria in Malta shall be that of 0.015% w/w.

Moreover, it was decided that for consignments imported into Malta before the date of this decision, the transshipment documents (bill of lading document) are to be checked and if it is found that the product was imported prior EFSA decision to allow Member States to adopt their own level i.e. **11th April 2008**, that particular consignment is to be allowed on the market.

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Food Safety Commission