



CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

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MEDIA RELEASE

### **Information on products recall from the markets of Germany, Austria and Slovakia**

We inform you that we are in the process of product recall for Vegeta 250 g and Vegeta 500 g, of certain production batches from the markets of Austria, Germany and Slovakia, due to results of a routine check-up in Austria which established that there are indications of presence of bacteria *Salmonelle spp.*, in traces, in one isolated case.

As a precaution measure, and aimed to consumer's protection, we decided to undertake a voluntary product recall on three markets where the products of production batches in question were placed (Austria, Germany and Slovakia).

Podravka Inc. has submit the products in question to the analysis of the official accredited Croatian laboratories EUROINSPEKT CROATIAKONTROLA d.o.o. and Public Health Institute "Dr. Andrija Štampar", that established the absence of the bacteria *Salmonella spp.* in Vegeta and by this the results of Podravka's Quality Control Laboratory were confirmed.

Also, the additional analyses of product batches in question are underway with authorised EU laboratories.

Podravka Inc. conducts regular and continuous controls in its laboratories control of quality and sanitary compliance of all incoming raw materials, semi-products, finished products, packaging and environment.

The quality control is performed in line with the applicable legislation and EU regulation as well as applicable policies and standards of Podravka in the field of food safety and quality.

After collecting all the relevant information, Podravka Inc. will duly inform the public and other competent authorities, pursuant to the applicable laws of the Republic of Croatia.

Regards,

Podravka Inc.  
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