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YPO Statement

YPO is aware of recent investigations and subsequent press reports in January and February 2013 relating to the finding of horse and pig meat in retail beef products.

Following our enquiries into potential areas of concern, we have received assurances from all our suppliers that no products are affected by the recent contamination issues.

This includes our tinned meat products and frameworks for Fresh & Cooked Meat for Catering Purposes (Ref: 000128) and Frozen Food & Frozen Meals for Catering Purposes (Ref: 000241).

Along with the wider industry, we are ensuring that all our suppliers meet their requirements on sampling and testing of products in line with the protocols recently announced by the Food Standards Agency.

We would like to reassure our customers that we will continue to monitor activity carefully and take further action if deemed necessary.

Any customers with concerns should contact YPO on 01924 834834 in the first instance.

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FAQs

What is YPO?

YPO is the UK's largest not for profit professional buying organisation, with over 35 years experience in supplying to the public sector. YPO is governed by a management committee of elected representatives from its 13 constituent local authorities.

We combine the buying power of all our customers to offer a wide range of best value goods and services, which are fully compliant with procurement rules and regulations. YPO is also a member of the Pro5 Group, which represents the largest professional buying organisations in the UK (CBC, ESPO, NEPO, YPO).