



Nestlé confident that dairy products not made with adulterated milk

Nestlé is confident that none of its products in China is made from milk adulterated with melamine. Over the past weeks, the Chinese authorities have carried out widespread tests and included Nestlé in a positive list of companies or brands where no melamine was found in the respective products.

Nestlé strongly feels that two separate issues in Hong Kong require rectification. The first was triggered by local news reports on 21 September which claimed to have found traces of melamine (0.6 ppm) in *Neslac Gold 1+* growing up milk produced in mainland China and sold in Hong Kong. Subsequent Hong Kong government tests did not detect any melamine in this product and it was declared safe for consumption.

In a second, separate development on 21 September, the Hong Kong authorities found traces of melamine (1.4 ppm) in one batch of *Nestlé Dairy Farm UHT Pure Milk* for the catering trade and ordered a recall. This product was **not** made from milk adulterated with melamine.

Subsequently, on 22 September, the Hong Kong government said it would issue an amendment to its food safety legislation on 23 September prohibiting food products containing unsuitable amounts of melamine. The new rules will specify that for infants under 36-months, pregnant women and breast-feeding mothers, traces of melamine contained in the food products should be lower than 1mg/litre. Traces of melamine contained in other food products should be lower than 2.5mg/litre. These limits are far more stringent than those in the EU and the US. The values allegedly found in *Nestlé Dairy Farm UHT Pure Milk*, which is for adult consumption, are lower than these new standards. This further strengthens our statement that this product is absolutely safe to consume.

Nestlé has a very close relationship with its milk producers in China and advises them continuously on the quality of milk production. Nestlé also has the same stringent quality control system in place in its factories in China as in any other part of the world. Over 70 different tests are routinely conducted in the course of producing infant formula and other milk products. In fact, the Chinese authorities have issued official certificates for all tested Nestlé products stating that no melamine has been detected in any of them.