

Melamine traces found in feed from Vietnam

The Department of Livestock Development has banned 60 tonnes of animal feed imported from Vietnam after laboratory tests revealed melamine contamination. The discovery prompted the authority to impose stricter checks on shipments from Vietnam.

Department chief Apai Suttisunk said yesterday the shipment was dried squid viscera meal, imported by two Thai companies. The contaminated substance found in the shipments was cyanuric acid, which is a component of melamine, one of nine harmful chemicals banned for imported animal feed.

The department will inform the Vietnamese government and ask that the manufacturer be banned from exporting products to Thailand. "We have put the manufacturer on a blacklist," the chief said.