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Melamine found in Milk Shake at Chinese Restaurant

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Report Highlights:

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The increased random sampling and testing of food containing dairy products by Austrian food safety officials (see Gain Report AU8009) has found one product testing positive for melamine. During the last two weeks 184 samples of food products were randomly drawn by the Austrian authorities. 108 test results are already available, with 107 tests coming back negative for melamine.

So far, one milk shake powder sample taken at a Chinese restaurant located in the southeastern province Styria tested positive. The test result showed a contamination of 26mg/kg melamine. The product was reported to be only for private consumption. The restaurant owner claimed that the milk shake powder was bought at a Chinese store in Vienna. There were reportedly no remaining stocks of the powder in the retail market. Austrian authorities issued no recall of the product because it believes it has all been consumed.

The Austrian Health Ministry stated in a press release that there is no health risk for Austrian consumers.