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## **RCL FOODS Bulletin**

RCL FOODS is publishing a series of new bulletins this week in our effort to continue our focus on informing and protecting our consumers against this outbreak. As always, we are dedicated to ensuring food safety. This new bulletin communicates as widely as possible, the facts we currently know and the actions we are taking to deal with concerns about Listeriosis.

### **Important Reminder:**

**The Minister of Health's announcement on the 4<sup>th</sup> March confirmed ST6 as the cause of South Africa's Listeriosis outbreak. The Minister also emphasized that Rainbow polony did NOT contain ST6. Even so, Rainbow recalled all polony products in the interest of public safety.**

**Rainbow Vienna's, Russian's and other ready to eat Rainbow products have not been part of the Department of Health precautionary recall.**

### **What's New:**

In order to clarify some of the misunderstanding in the public space around the Listeriosis outbreak and our products, we have issued the statement below further to our previous daily bulletins.

## **CORRECTING SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS**

RCL FOODS would like to correct some misunderstandings which have arisen about its products during the investigation into the listeriosis outbreak in South Africa. It is important to note that the Minister of Health in a media statement on 4 March 2018 said that the listeriosis outbreak has been traced to a polony facility in Polokwane. That facility is NOT owned by RCL FOODS.





The Minister also stated that Rainbow polony products they have tested have NOT contained the listeria ST6 “outbreak strain”. Our Wolwehoek polony facility has been closed, and polony products recalled, as a PRECAUTIONARY measure while government investigations continue.

All other Rainbow chicken products have NOT been linked in any way to listeriosis and have NOT been recalled.

#### **The ST6 outbreak strain**

- The government has identified the ST6 listeria strain as the “outbreak strain” and has linked this to a polony production facility in Polokwane. The facility is NOT owned by RCL FOODS.

#### **Rainbow polony**

- The Minister of Health has said that Rainbow polony products that have been tested have been FREE of the ST6 listeria strain.
- The Rainbow polony production facility at Wolwehoek in the Free State has been closed as a PRECAUTIONARY measure. Rainbow polony products have been recalled, also as a PRECAUTIONARY measure, while governments investigations continue.

#### **Rainbow ready-to-eat products**

- NO ready-to-eat processed meat products other than polony have been recalled.

#### **Rainbow chicken**

- NO Rainbow chicken products, fresh or frozen, other than Rainbow polony, have been recalled
- Consumers are mistakenly returning Rainbow fresh or frozen chicken products to retailers in the belief that Rainbow chicken has been recalled or is unsafe.
- NO Rainbow chicken products other than Rainbow polony have been linked in any way to the listeriosis outbreak.

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