

Press release

Illegal irradiated dietary supplements also found in Denmark

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The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration, has released a survey revealing that at least 11 dietary supplements sold in Denmark, had been irradiated or contain irradiated components. Danish law requires that irradiated dietary supplements must carry labels indicating that the product has been irradiated, but none of the 11 irradiated products was labelled.

The results of the Danish survey are consistent with similar recent UK and Irish surveys.

- It is an outrage that companies illegally are selling irradiated dietary supplements to unsuspecting consumers. The problems with irradiation in the European dietary supplements industry has been known for a long time and still nothing has been done from the industry itself to solve the problem, says Klaus Melvin Jensen, Campaign manager of the Danish consumers' organisation Active Consumers.

The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration has ordered that the irradiated products must be removed from the shops and fines will be given to those companies that has broken the law. Also a new follow-up survey will be carried out soon.

- Active Consumers welcomes the sanctions implemented by the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration. Fines, product removals and bad publicity seem to be the only way to make the dietary supplements industry acknowledge the problems, says Klaus Melvin Jensen.

The 11 products that were found to be irradiated:

- Valeriane extract 10 %
- Ginger Root capsules
- Prosan Silica Forte
- By Nature, aloe vera tablets
- Rio Amazon, guarana 100 %
- Rio Paratudo, Pfaffia, ginseng
- Guarana extract 16 %
- Den Groenne Bogense pille
- Horsetail powder
- Red Clover extract
- Neolic garlic capsules

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The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration <http://www.fdir.dk>

UK Irradiation survey <http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/68301>

Irish Irradiation survey http://193.120.54.7/news/press/pr_03/pr20030525.asp