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Food Safety in China

Beijing, China –November 23, 2008 – China's food safety has been a tough issue, suffering sometimes from consumer complaints. The latest incident was the tainted milk scandal. More than 6,200 infants had developed kidney stones after drinking baby formula tainted with the hazardous chemical melamine.

At the Sixth China Food Safety Annual Meeting, Wang Wenzhe, China National Food Industry Association chairman said that 98.4 percent of the country's food passed quality inspection and tests in the first half. The result was based on a survey covering 3,813 kinds of food produced by 3,288 enterprises. The pass rate was 4 percentage points higher over that of the same period last year, and 9 percentage points higher than in 2006.

But at the same time, he acknowledged current quality of food was far from satisfying consumer expectations. Excessive pesticide residue and food additives were included among the problems. Wang Wenzhe suggested the country improve its food quality and safety supervision system, call back disqualified products in time, and punish those who break regulations and risk public safety.

Sabrina Wang, trainee attorney in Lehman, Lee & Xu stated that as a result of the recent scandals, China had issued relevant regulations to strengthen the surveillance of food products, for example the regulation on the supervision of the quality safety of dairy products.

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