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Date of report: 24/03/2009
Our Reference: CFA09/00634
Sample received on: 13/03/2009

Report on the analysis of sample:

FOREIGN BODY Foreign body in Seed mix for parrots

Method	Result Name	Test Value	Units
* FOODCOM	Food complaint, general investigation		See comment

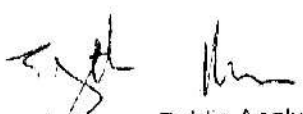
Comments:

The sample consisted of six pieces of hard, dark brown matter with cream-coloured patches (outer surface), measuring 15 x 5 mm, a number of smaller pieces of similar matter and three pieces of grey/brown matter, weighing a total of 2.06 grams.

The grey/brown matter weighed a total of 0.8g, the largest piece measuring 9 x 7 x 3 mm and was identified as dry, brittle, lignified vegetable matter. This may have originated from seed casings or leaves and is likely to be a component of the feed.

The dark brown/black matter was identified as dried masses of fungal growth. The growth was mature and is likely to have occurred during storage of either the product or one of its constituent ingredients. While the mould may not be harmful if fed to a bird, its presence in the feed is clearly undesirable and indicative of poor quality.

Signed:


Elizabeth Moran, Public Analyst

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N.B. The sample and associated label/packaging will be destroyed one month after the date of report unless notification is received in writing or by email or contractual arrangements apply.

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