

Public health officers to check Asian restaurants over milk

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Prague, Sept 25 (CTK) - Sanitary inspectors will start to check Asian restaurants in the Czech Republic in order to see whether they do not sell products from contaminated milk from China, chief sanitary inspector Michael Vit said Thursday.

The Czech Republic will join other countries that have increased protective measures after four Chinese children died and another 53,000 have fallen ill with kidney stones because of milk contaminated with toxic melamine.

Vit said officially no milk products from China should be sold in the country because the EU banned their imports in 2002 already.

Besides, the European Commission has decided to also ban imports of food for children that contains milk from China, such as chocolate and biscuits, for preventative reasons.

Martina Smidtova, spokeswoman for the State Agricultural and Food Inspection (SZPI), said the health risk posed by the possible use of Chinese milk in biscuits, for instance, is minimal and therefore the SZPI does not plan any general checks of food imported from China.