

Czech Environmental Inspectorate



21.3.2007 – CEI inspectors kept check on delicatessen shop in Karlovy Vary. Its representative, Russian with Iranian nationality, offered in this shop 23 cans (56,8g each) and 25 cans (113g each) of Tsar Caviar (blue label) and 1 can (113g) of Black Caviar – Malossol (brown label). CEI inspectors had tested samples of blue label caviar and brown label caviar in hot water and they found out that blue label caviar is melting in the water, but brown label caviar not. This test was recommended last year at Caviar Workshop in Brussels. Gelatine caviar substitute is melting, but genuine caviar not. CEI concluded that Tsar Caviar is the caviar substitute of genuine sturgeon caviar and 1 can of Black Caviar – Malossol is the only genuine sturgeon caviar they found in that shop. So only one brown-labelled can of Black Caviar – Malossol have been seized by CEI, the representative of that delicatessen shop will be fined.

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