

Rosinter Cited for Sanitary Violations

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Two branches of restaurant chains owned by Rosinter. **Maxim Stulov**

The Federal Consumer Protection Service has discovered violations of sanitary and consumer rights laws in some of the Moscow restaurants of Rosinter, which operates several of the country's largest chains including Il Patio, Planet Sushi and T.G.I. Friday's.

In a statement Friday, Rosinter Restaurants Holding promised to submit a plan for rectifying the infractions by Dec. 2.

The violations were found during a planned inspection of 57 restaurants and include substandard sanitary and technical conditions at certain facilities, insufficient temperature control and inadequate procedures for the use and storage of cleaning solutions and disinfectants, the Moscow office of the consumer protection service said in a statement.

Thirteen batches of produce that bore signs of contamination and had passed their expiration dates, including meat and eggs, were found and removed.

Rosinter said that it was “satisfied” with the results of the inspection, which showed that the company’s rate of noncompliance by many significant indicators was no higher than 1.5 to 2.5 percent.

"Of course there were many anticipated observations concerning needed repairs to restaurants, which are already in the company's renovation plans," the statement said.

The consumer protection service discussed the results of the inspection at a meeting with company management and issued formal instructions to improve the situation to the general director of Rosinter’s operational subsidiary and individual restaurant directors.

Rosinter Restaurants Holding owns two major brands – the Italian restaurant chain Il Patio and sushi chain Planet Sushi – as well as running T.G.I. Friday’s and Costa Coffee in Russia under franchise agreements.

As of the end of September, Rosinter had 355 restaurants and 28 Costa Coffee outlets, Interfax reported.

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