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Most of Moscow's Salmon Not Fit for Purchase Says Watchdog

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Ninety percent of sliced salmon on Moscow shop shelves does not meet quality standards and 58 percent of it is not safe, the Vedomosti newspaper reported Thursday, citing the Russian standards watchdog Roskachestvo.

Roskachestvo's experts checked 38 samples produced by 12 manufacturers under 17 brands.

The inspection revealed that 22 samples contained a high level of bacteria. A high content of preservatives was detected in 11 samples.

In 15 cases the product was different from the one indicated on the packaging. For example, there was trout instead of salmon or coho salmon instead of trout, according to Vedomosti.

A number of fish product producers disagreed with the results of Roskachestvo's checks.

According to the development director of Baltiysky Bereg fish company Anna Sheveleva, "the results are based on the selection of individual samples and cannot estimate the level of

production in general under the law," the newspaper reported.

In April, Roskachestvo experts announced the results of an inspection that revealed that the majority of red caviar sold in Russian stores does not comply with basic hygiene regulations, the TASS news agency reported.

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