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The Food and Drug Administration announced on October 5 that it would start an analytical survey of foods on grocery store shelves in about 30 cities across the country. It was to begin immediately. The study is to involve 117 items. The contaminants sought are mercury and PCBs. The FDA will also be watching for contamination from pesticides particularly DDT, from the toxic metallic element cadmium and from other poisons such as 2,4,5,T and 2,4,D.

You should be seeing publicity from this survey in the next 60 to 90 days.

We pass this information along to you to keep you current on governmental activity related to the products you sell.

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