

Expired Food Found at World Cup Teams' Hotels

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A Brazilian consumer defense agency said it's found past-expiration food in the hotels where national soccer teams from Italy and England will stay during the World Cup.

The Rio de Janeiro state agency said on its website that the inspections were part of an effort to enforce foodsafety codes ahead of next month's tournament.

At the Hotel Portobello where Italy will stay, inspectors discovered 55 pounds (25 kilograms) of pasta, shrimp, salmon and margarine kept past its expiration date. Inspectors there tossed another 53 pounds (24 kilograms) of food because there was no visible safe date on its label.

Team England will stay at the Royal Tulip Hotel. A search there turned up 4.5 pounds (2 kilograms) of butter, Parma ham and salmon too old for consumption.

The agency also said both hotels didn't provide condoms for sale at cost, nor information about sexually transmitted diseases, as required by law.

Both hotels have 15 days to make official explanations to the government agency. Only then would any fines be levied.

There was some good news for soccer teams. The agency said that inspectors found no problems at the Hotel Caesar Park, where Holland's squad will be based.

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