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Non-Kosher Meat Discovered in Petach Tikva?

A ton of nonkosher meat was discovered in a Petach Tikva meat-processing plant, some of it labeled kosher and even *mehadrin*.

The meat was spotted recently by meat and vegetable regulators of the Ministry of Agriculture, who followed trucks delivering meat to the Manhattan meat-processing plant in Petach Tikva.

Residents of Petach Tikva and its environs were deeply shaken by the news, which means that they may have eaten *neveilos* and *treifos* in halls, institutions and their own homes, *Rachmana litzlan*.

Rabbi Aryeh Sapir of the Petach Tikva Religious Council expressed shock and said that an investigation is under way. As for why the Rabbinate did not discover this breach itself, Rabbi Sapir noted there were forged certificates attesting that the meat was *glatt kosher*.

The Petach Tikva Rabbinate and religious council have not yet issued instructions to the public as to whether cooking vessels need to be kashered.