

QC intensifies campaign vs unsafe meat

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The Quezon City government has intensified its campaign against unsafe meat and other food products as Filipinos flock to markets and groceries to prepare for the holiday season.

Mayor Joy Belmonte yesterday directed the city's veterinary office to be look out for and confiscate unsafe meats being sold in markets, supermarkets and groceries.

“The city veterinary's office is leaving no stone unturned in ensuring that the meats being purchased by local residents are safe and from trusted sources,” she said in a statement. The mayor issued the directive after meat inspectors discovered at a supermarket several kilos of meat showing signs that it came from unhealthy herd.

City veterinarian Ana Marie Cabel said they padlocked the entire freezer where the meat was stored to prevent further contamination.

The unsafe meat will be confiscated and properly disposed of, she told The STAR in a phone interview yesterday.

Signs of bad meat include a reddish discoloration and signs of petechial hemorrhages or bleeding in the skin.