

Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority approves Kesko's acquisition of Kalatukku E. Eriksson

It was announced on 1 June 2018 that Reinin liha and Kalatukku E. Eriksson would be joining Kesko's wholesale company Kespro. The acquisition of Kalatukku E. Eriksson was subject to the approval of the Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority, which was obtained on 27 June 2018. The acquisition was consequently completed on 2 July 2018. Kespro's customers will have full access to the extended new selection from autumn onwards.

"Initial feedback from our customers and customers of the acquired companies has been very positive. Customers have welcomed the expansion of our high-quality fresh food selection," says **Mika Halmesmäki**, Vice President of Kespro.

"We have obtained new fresh foods expertise for Kespro, and can now offer our customers the most extensive wholesale selection on the market," Halmesmäki says.

"For the customers of Reinin liha and Kalatukku E. Eriksson, nothing changes: service quality and flexibility will remain at their current high level," concludes Halmesmäki.

Next, the high-quality fish and seafood products of Kalatukku E. Eriksson and meat products of Reinin liha will be gradually made available to restaurants across Finland as both companies will be able to utilise Kespro's efficient logistics beyond the greater Helsinki area. The products will become available to a wider customer base from autumn onwards.

Kesko press release 1 June 2018 "Kesko to acquire Reinin liha and Kalatukku E. Eriksson":

<https://kesko.fi/en/media/news-and-releases/press-releases/2018/kesko-ostaa-reinin-lihan-ja-kalatukku-e.-erikssonin/>

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Kespro is the leading foodservice wholesaler for the Finnish hotel, restaurant and catering sector. Its customers include both companies and municipalities in Finland. Kespro offers its customers a diverse range of tailored procurement solutions as well as delivery and collection services, never compromising on quality and basing everything on a genuine understanding of customers' needs. Kespro wants eating out to become more popular and

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