



## Safety Gate: Rapid Alert System for dangerous non-food products

Alert number	1666/10
Category	Clothing, textiles and fashion items
Type of alert	Products with serious risks
Product user	Consumer
Product	Heavy jacket - Diffusion
Brand	L & S
Name	
Type / number of model	Articles 9813 and 9815
Batch number / Barcode	
OECD Portal Category	
Description	<p>Article 9813: Women's purple velvet jacket with a zipper (metallic pull tab) and snaps. The lining is of a brighter purple colour. The beige label sewn to the inside of the garment and the cardboard swing ticket (beige with a brown border) attached to it bears its brand, beneath which is printed "Diffusion", again in brown. The same information is printed in black on the transparent packaging of the garment.</p> <p>Article 9815: Women's brown velvet jacket with a zipper (metallic pull tab) and snaps, including on the front pockets and collar. The beige label sewn to the inside of the garment and the cardboard swing ticket (beige with a brown border) attached to it bears its brand, beneath which is printed "Diffusion", again in brown. The same information is printed vertically in black on the transparent packaging of the garment.</p>
Country of origin	Unknown
Alert submitted by	Italy
Risk type	Chemical
Risk	<p>The product poses a chemical risk because it contains Hexavalent Chromium, in concentrations varying from 1.6 to 14.1 mg/kg. Given that Oeko Tex Standard 100 states that, to ensure optimum quality, total chromium content should be less than 1 mg/kg for children's clothing and less than 2 mg/kg for all other clothing, regardless of whether it is in contact with the skin, and that Chromium VI should actually be below the detection threshold, we feel a limit of 5 mg/kg of Chromium VI is a practical threshold beyond which there is a serious risk of allergic contact dermatitis. In support of this, there are clinical studies which indicate that, for leather goods, 50% of sensitive subjects experienced contact dermatitis at this level. By analogy, and given that these articles will be in direct contact with the skin for possibly an entire working day, we believe that they pose a serious risk of allergy to consumers.</p>
Measures adopted by notifying country	Seizure of the products ordered by the authorities.
Images	