



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

Alert number	A12/0626/19
Category	Chemical products
Type of alert	Products with serious risks
Product user	Consumer
Product	Tattoo ink
Brand	Black Mamba
Name	Black ink
Type / number of model	Unknown
Batch number / Barcode	Batch 2D170018; Expiry Date 04/2020
OECD Portal Category	53000000 - Beauty / Personal Care / Hygiene
Description	Transparent plastic bottle with a black dispensing cap containing 150 ml of black tattoo ink.
Country of origin	Unknown
Alert submitted by	Italy
Risk type	Chemical
Technical defect	The product contains an excessive amount of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH)s, including benzo(a)pyrene (measured values: 0.64 mg/kg and 0.045 mg/kg, respectively).
Risk	Some PAHs are carcinogenic, including benzo(a)pyrene. The Council of Europe Resolution ResAP (2008) ¹ on requirements and criteria for the safety of tattoos and permanent make-up, recommends that the level of benzo(a)pyrene (BaP) does not exceed 0.005 mg/kg and the total amount of PAHs does not exceed 0.5 mg/kg.
Measures adopted by notifying country	Ban on the marketing of the product and any accompanying measures
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