

RAPEX 4 – 25/01/2019



Alert number: A12/0123/19

Category: Chemical products

Product: Tattoo ink

Brand: ETERNAL INK

Name: Brown

Type / number of model: Colour brown

Batch number / Barcode: Batch number 17589; expiry date 18/07/2020; Color Index 77491

Risk type: Chemical

The product contains arsenic (measured value: 8.1 mg/kg), nickel (measured value: 24 mg/kg) and zinc (measured value: 170 mg/kg).

Arsenic is carcinogenic. Nickel can cause skin irritation and induce sensitisation or elicit allergic responses.

The Council of Europe Resolution ResAP (2008)¹ on requirements and criteria for the safety of tattoos and permanent make-up recommends that the levels of arsenic in tattoo inks do not exceed 2 mg/kg, the levels of zinc in tattoo inks do not exceed 50 mg/kg and that the content of nickel in tattoo inks be as low as technically achievable.

Measures ordered by public authorities (to: Importer): Ban on the marketing of the product and any accompanying measures

Description: 30-ml bottle of brown tattoo ink.

Country of origin: United States

Alert submitted by: Italy

Risk level: Serious