

RAPEX 5 – 01/02/2019



Alert number: A12/0172/19

Category: Chemical products

Product: Tattoo ink

Brand: Eternal Ink

Name: ROSA - HOT PINK

Type / number of model: Unknown

Batch number / Barcode: Batch number 02/09/16

Risk type: Chemical

The product contains the aromatic amine o-anisidine (measured value: 26 mg/kg).

This aromatic amine can cause cancer, cell mutations and affect reproduction.

The Council of Europe Resolution ResAP (2008)¹ on requirements and criteria for the safety of tattoos and permanent make-up, recommends that aromatic amines with carcinogenic mutagenic, reprotoxic or sensitising properties should neither be present in tattoos and permanent make-up products nor released from azo-colourants.

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

Description: Bottle of red tattoo ink

Country of origin: United States

Alert submitted by: Italy

Risk level: Serious



Alert number: A12/0174/19

Category: Chemical products

Product: Tattoo ink

Brand: Eternal Ink

Name: CAMEL

Type / number of model: Unknown

Batch number / Barcode: batch R-136, expiry date 06/2020

Risk type: Chemical

The product contains the aromatic amines o-anisidine (measured value 74 mg/kg) and o-toluidine (measured value 67 mg/kg).

Aromatic amines can cause cancer, cell mutations and affect reproduction.

The Council of Europe Resolution ResAP (2008)¹ on requirements and criteria for the safety of tattoos and permanent make-up, recommends that aromatic amines with carcinogenic, mutagenic, reprotoxic or sensitising properties should neither be present in tattoos and permanent make-up products nor released from azo-colourants.

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

Description: 30 ml bottle with brown tattoo ink.

Country of origin: United States

Alert submitted by: Italy

Risk level: Serious



Alert number: A12/0173/19

Category: Cosmetics

Product: Hair dye

Brand: Color Mate

Name: Hair Color

Type / number of model: Light Brown 9.7

Batch number / Barcode: 8 906016 050843 Batch Number: 07

Risk type: Chemical

The product contains barium (measured value: 13.6 % by weight) as peroxide.

Barium peroxide is corrosive and irritant. Barium can be absorbed from the dye and have toxic effects on kidney and heart.

The product contains too much p-aminophenol (measured value: 13.6% by weight, final calculated concentration: 3.8%) and insufficient coupling agent.

Uncoupled p-aminophenol is a strong skin sensitiser and may trigger allergic skin reactions.

The product does not comply with the Cosmetic Products Regulation.

Measures ordered by public authorities (to: Retailer): Destruction of the product

Description: Hair dye powder (light brown colour), packed in an aluminium sachet containing 15 g. Sold in a printed cardboard box containing 5 sachets.

Country of origin: India

Alert submitted by: Germany

Risk level: Serious