

RAPEX 32 – 07/08/2020



Alert number: A12/01126/20

Category: Chemical products

Product: Tattoo ink

Brand: Fusion Ink

Name: Mixing Yellow

Type / number of model: FI-046

Barcode: Unknown

Batch number: 011-1D20211121, Mindestens haltbar bis: 21.11.2021

Counterfeit: UNKNOWN

Risk type: Chemical

The product contains an excessive amount of cadmium (measured value: 1.2 ppm).

Cadmium is harmful to human health because it accumulates in the body, can damage the kidneys and bones and it may cause cancer.

Additionally, according to the list of ingredients, the product contains the colourant pigment yellow 14 (CI 21095), which releases the aromatic amine 3,3'-dichlorobenzidine.

This aromatic amine is skin sensitiser and may also cause cancer.

/ 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 cadmium do not exceed 0,2 ppm and that aromatic amines with carcinogenic mutagenic, reprotoxic or sensitising properties should neither be present nor released from azo-colourants.

Measures taken by economic operators: Withdrawal of the product from the market (By: Distributor)

Description: 30 ml of yellow tattoo ink.

Packaging description: The product is sold in a transparent plastic bottle with dispensing nozzle and screw cap.

Country of origin: United States

Alert submitted by: Germany

Type of alert: Serious



Alert number: A12/01127/20

Category: Chemical products

Product: Tattoo ink

Brand: Fusion Ink

Name: Shamrock

Type / number of model: FI-069

Barcode: Unknown

Batch number: 008-1D20210813, Mindestens haltbar bis: 13.08.2021

Counterfeit: UNKNOWN

Risk type: Chemical

The product contains an excessive amount of cadmium (measured value: 0.65 ppm). Cadmium is harmful to human health because it accumulates in the body, can damage the kidneys and bones and it may cause cancer.

Additionally, it contains benzisothiazolinone (measured value: 0,007 %), which is not allowed in cosmetic products, and, according to the list of ingredients, the colourant pigment yellow 14 (CI 21095), which releases the aromatic amine 3,3'-dichlorobenzidine. This aromatic amine is skin sensitiser and may also cause cancer.

Benzisothiazolinone is a skin sensitiser and triggers allergic reactions or contact dermatitis. / 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 cadmium do not exceed 0,2 ppm, that aromatic amines with carcinogenic mutagenic, reprotoxic or sensitising properties should neither be present nor released from azo-colourants, and that substances forbidden in the Cosmetic Products Regulation are not used.

Measures taken by economic operators: Withdrawal of the product from the market (By: Distributor)

Description: 30 ml of green tattoo ink.

Packaging description: The product is sold in a transparent plastic bottle with dispensing nozzle and screw cap.

Country of origin: United States

Alert submitted by: Germany

Type of alert: Serious



Alert number: A12/01113/20

Category: Cosmetics

Product: Hand cream

Brand: Elcurina

Name: Intensiv Handcreme mit Sheabutter & Allantoin

Type / number of model: Unknown

Barcode: Unknown

Batch number: 00760

Counterfeit: NO

Risk type: Microbiological

The product contains an excessive amount of aerobic mesophilic bacteria (measured value up to: 30000 cfu/g), among which *Pluralibacter gergoviae*, as well as yeast and mould (measured value up to: 2000 cfu/g).

Pluralibacter gergoviae may be considered an opportunistic pathogen and is often resistant to antibiotics. If the product is used on damaged skin, on mucous membranes, close to the eyes or by immunocompromised users, it may cause infection or irritation. / The product does not comply with the Cosmetic Products Regulation.

Measures taken by economic operators: Destruction of the product, Marking the product with appropriate warnings on the risks, Recall of the product from end users, Recall of the product from end users, Stop of sales, Warning consumers of the risks, Withdrawal of the product from the market, Withdrawal of the product from the market (By: Distributor, Manufacturer)

Description: 125 ml of hand cream.

Packaging description: The product is sold in a light brown plastic tube with a dark brown self-closing cap.

Country of origin: Germany

Alert submitted by: Germany

Type of alert: Serious

Products were found and measures were taken also in: Austria