


**Notification reference: A12/1845/19**

<b>Risk level</b>	Serious risk
<b>Product user</b>	Consumer
<b>Notifying country</b>	Finland
<b>Product category</b>	Chemical products
<b>Product</b>	Tattoo ink
<b>Brand</b>	Colour King
<b>Name</b>	Black
<b>Type / number of model</b>	Unknown
<b>Batch number/Bar code</b>	Unknown
<b>OECD Portal category</b>	53000000 - Beauty / Personal Care / Hygiene
<b>Description</b>	Black tattoo ink in a transparent plastic bottle with a dispenser cap. The product was sold online (in particular via <a href="http://lightinthebox.com">lightinthebox.com</a> ).
<b>Country of origin</b>	China
<b>Counterfeit</b>	
<b>Risk type</b>	Chemical
<b>Risk description</b>	<p>These PAHs and benzo[a]pyrenemay cause cancer and are also mutagenic and toxic for reproduction.</p> <p>Cadmium is harmful to human health because it accumulates in the body, can damage the kidney and bones, and it may cause cancer.</p> <p>Lead is harmful to human health, accumulates in the body, can cause developmental neurotoxicity and may also affect breast-fed or unborn children.</p> <p>The Council of Europe Resolution ResAP (2008)<sup>1</sup> on requirements and criteria for the safety of tattoos and permanent make-up recommends that the levels of impurities of PAHs in tattoo inks do not exceed 0,5 mg/kg, of benzo[a]pyrene 5 µg/kg, of cadmium 0.2 mg/kg and of lead 2 mg/kg.</p>
<b>Measures adopted by notifying country</b>	Voluntary measures: Notifying about the risk
<b>URL link to company recall (if available)</b>	
<b>Products were found and measures were taken also in</b>	
<b>Images</b>	

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