

UK FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY

Food Alert

Consumers advised about Rolkem cake decoration products

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Consumers should be aware that a Food Business Operator (FBO) based in South Africa, Rolkem 'Expressions in Colour' has been producing a range of products for use in cakes and confectionary for which they have failed to provide assurances of product safety.

Two products were previously recalled due to elevated levels of copper (details can be found in FSA-PRIN-27-2108 issued on 11 May 2018). Since that recall, the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Food Standards Scotland (FSS) have made concerted efforts to ascertain an accurate understanding of the Rolkem products range and requested a number of ingredient details from Rolkem to confirm their suitability for use in food. This information has not been provided.

Following recent efforts to contact the FBO, to which we have received no satisfactory response, we have taken the decision to issue this Food Alert for Action to local authorities for the full Rolkem food range.

Product details

ROLKEM (all food products such as cake craft dyes, pigments and dusts)

Pack size	All sizes
Batch code	All batch codes
Lot number	All lot numbers
Use by	All dates
Best before	All dates

No other Rolkem products are known to be affected.

Risk statement

These products are unlikely to be consumed in such levels as to cause any serious risk to health. However, we have some concerns that products may contain high levels of heavy metals, contain unapproved non-food pigments and/or other unapproved ingredients. It has not been possible to confirm the ingredients of a number of Rolkem products therefore the risk to consumers cannot be established.

Our advice to consumers

If you have bought any of the above products, do not use or consume them or use them in products for consumption by others.

The FSA and FSS have advised local authorities with specialist cake decorating suppliers in their areas to visit these businesses to determine whether the premises hold any products supplied by Rolkem and withdraw them from sale.

Previous alert

[FSA-PRIN-27-2018: Fabricake Sugarcraft Limited recalls Rolkem's Special Rose Gold and Super Gold due to high levels of metal](#)

About product recalls and withdrawals

If there is a problem with a food product that means it should not be sold, then it might be 'withdrawn' (taken off the shelves) or 'recalled' (when customers are asked to return the product). The FSA issues Product Withdrawal Information Notices and Product Recall Information Notices to let consumers and local authorities know about problems associated with food. In some cases, a 'Food Alert for Action' is issued. This provides local authorities with details of specific action to be taken on behalf of consumers.

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