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Imported sweets and drinks warning

The Chartered Trading Standards Institute has issued a warning that imported sweets and fizzy drinks with known links to hyperactivity and cancer have flooded the UK.

Here in Manchester we're taking this very seriously, and the Council's Environmental Health team are seizing illegal products from local shops. We're also urging you not to buy these products for children.

What are the risks?

Some imported sweets and drinks contain additives and ingredients that are banned in the UK because they are linked to:

- Hyperactivity
- Behavioural problems
- Cancer
- Kidney and other organ damage
- Heart problems
- Making insulin response less effective
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, loss of appetite, stomach cramps
- Copper deficiency
- Headaches
- Dizziness
- Nutrient deficiencies and reduced immune function.

What to look out for

Banned ingredients to look out for:

- Brominated vegetable oil (BVO)
- E127, erythrosine (shown on US products as Red 3)
- Mineral oil – this carries the risk of contamination with other compounds that are capable of forming cancers
- Bleached flour.

The following additives can cause hyperactivity and behavioural problems in children. There should be a warning on the packaging to state this.

- Sunset yellow FCF (E110)
- Quinoline yellow (E104)
- Carmoisine (E122)
- Allura red (E129)
- Tartrazine (E102)
- Ponceau 4R (E124).

The following additives are allowed in food but not in drinks:

- Calcium disodium EDTA (E385) – in animal studies it caused adverse reproductive and developmental effects and in mice has been shown to contribute to cancer of the colon
- Erythorbic acid (E315).



Some examples of imported food and drinks that have been found to contain banned additives and ingredients are shown below. Some of these brands have products intended for the UK market and comply with legislation. Check the ingredients to make sure the product you're buying doesn't contain any of the additives listed on the other side of this leaflet.

**Jolly Rancher
Hard Candy**



**Twizzlers
Rainbow Twists**



Fanta Pineapple



Hostess Twinkies



**Jolly Rancher
Gummies original**



**Chewy
Lemonhead**



Mtn Dew



**Hostess Golden
Cupcakes**



**Jolly Rancher
Lollipops**



**Lemonhead
Original Candy**



Mirinda



**Pillsbury Funfetti
Cake Mix**



Swedish Fish



Hot Tamales



Sunny D



Prime Hydration



**Swedish Fish
mini Tropical**



Cheetos Crunchy



**Sunny D Orange
Strawberry**



**Van Holten's
pickles**



**Twizzlers
Strawberry Twists**



Takis Blue Heat



We're working hard to protect consumers by removing these products from local shops and educating shopkeepers about the dangers. If you see a product with one of the banned ingredients, please report it to contact@manchester.gov.uk