

Alert number **[A12/00006/22](#)**

Product **Tattoo ink**



Risk type **Chemical**

The product contains excessive amounts of individual polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) (measured values; acenaphthylene: 0.5 mg/kg, naphthalene: 0.5 mg/kg, pyren: 2.2 mg/kg and benzo[a]pyrene 90 ppb). Some PAHs are carcinogenic. Benzo(a)pyrene is a carcinogenic PAH. Naphthalene is a carcinogenic substance for which a safe level cannot be established.

The Council of Europe Resolution ResAP (2008)1 on requirements and criteria for the safety of tattoos and permanent make-up, recommends that the level of benzo(a)pyrene (BaP) does not exceed 0.005 mg/kg and the total amount of PAHs do not exceed 0.5 mg/kg.

Category **Chemical products**

Type **Consumer**

Description **Black tattoo ink, also sold online.**

Packaging description **Black 120 ml bottle with yellow and white label**

Brand **Viking**

Name **Viking ink Dark Shadow**

Batch number **L-118**

Weekly report number **Report-2022-1**

Alert submitted by **Sweden**

Is the product counterfeit? **Unknown**

Country of origin **United States**

Measures taken by economic operators **Withdrawal of the product from the market
Distributor**

Date of entry into force **15/11/2021**