



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
HEALTH & CONSUMER PROTECTION DIRECTORATE-GENERAL

Directorate E - Safety of the food chain
E2 - Hygiene & Control measures



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FOOD
VERY URGENT - TRES URGENT

ALERT NOTIFICATION: 2006.0253
ORIGINAL NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT: BENZENE IN DIET CLUB LEMON FROM IRELAND

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market control - distribution on the market (possible) - product recall or withdrawal
Product distributed to IRELAND and UNITED KINGDOM
manufacturer: Cantrell and Cochrane (IRELAND)

The contact point from Ireland is kindly requested to provide the full details on the distribution in Northern Ireland (UK)

The contact point from Ireland has communicated to the Commission the following information:

RAPID ALERT SYSTEM FOR FOOD AND FEED

REGULATION (EC) N°: 178/2002 – Art. 50

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1	NOTIFICATION TYPE:	food
2	CONTROL TYPE:	market control
3	NOTIFYING COUNTRY:	Ireland
	Contact point reference n°:	FI0272
4	DATE OF NOTIFICATION:	12.04.2006

HAZARD:

5	NATURE OF HAZARD:	Excessive levels of benzene
6	RESULTS OF THE TESTS:	i) 91ug/L, 16.5ug/L, 17ug/L ii) 64ug/L
7*	COUNTER ANALYSIS:	
8*	SAMPLING	DATES: 10.03.06
		N° OF SAMPLES:
		METHOD
		PLACE: retailer
9*	LABORATORY:	i) Galway Public Analyst Laboratory, Ireland ii) Reading Scientific Services Laboratory (RSSL), Reading, UK
10*	ANALYSIS:	SAMPLE TREATMENT/ ANALYSIS MATRIX:
		METHOD OF ANALYSIS:
11*	PERSONS AFFECTED:	
12*	TYPE OF THE ILLNESS/SYMPTOMS:	

PRODUCT:

13	PRODUCT CATEGORY:	10 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
14	PRODUCT NAME:	DIET CLUB LEMON
15*	DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT	BRAND / TRADE NAME: Cantrell and Cochrane
	<input type="checkbox"/> Picture(s)	PRODUCT ASPECT (e.g. packaging): CARBONATED SOFT DRINK IN PLASTIC BOTTLE
		UNIT WEIGHT: 500ML & 2L

OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATION AND MEASURES ADOPTED:

16	DISTRIBUTION STATUS:	distribution on the market (possible)
17*	VOLUNTARY MEASURES:	Trade withdrawal of product in Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland
18*	COMPULSORY MEASURES:	
	DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE:	03.04.06
	DURATION:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC RECALL:	(hyperlink)
19	LEGISLATION IN BREACH:	Article 14 178/2002
	SCOPE:	EU
	MAX. PERMITTED LEVEL:	

IDENTIFICATION OF THE LOT(S)

20*	CONSIGNMENT / LOT NUMBER:	All batch codes currently on the market	
21*	PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE	NUMBER:	
		DATE:	
		CVED N°:	
22	DURABILITY DATES	USE-BY DATE*:	All use-by dates currently on the market
		BEST BEFORE DATE*:	
		SELL-BY DATE:	
23	DESCRIPTION OF THE LOT:	N° OF UNITS*:	
		TOTAL NET WEIGHT OF LOT*:	

ORIGIN:

24	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	Ireland	
25	MANUFACTURER:	NAME:	Cantrell and Cochrane (C&C)
		ADDRESS:	PO Box 2020, Dublin 10
		VET. AP-N°:	
26*	DISPATCHER/EXPORTER	NAME:	
		ADDRESS:	

DISTRIBUTION:

27*	DISTRIBUTED BY	IMPORTER:	
		WHOLESALER:	
		RETAILER:	

28*	DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBER STATES:	Yes Northern Ireland only
	DISTRIBUTION LIST ATTACHED:	<input type="checkbox"/>
29*	EXPORTED TO THIRD COUNTRIES:	Not from Ireland
	DISTRIBUTION LIST ATTACHED:	<input type="checkbox"/>

IN CASE OF A REJECTION AT THE BORDER:

30*	POINT OF ENTRY:		
31*	TYPE OF CHECK		<input type="text"/>
32*	COUNTRY OF DISPATCH		
33*	COUNTRY OF DESTINATION		
34*	CONSIGNEE	NAME:	
		ADDRESS:	
35*	CONTAINER NUMBER(S):		
36*	MEANS OF TRANSPORT:		

OTHER INFORMATION:

37	ORGANISATION/MINISTRY:	Food Safety Authority of Ireland
38*	PERSON TO CONTACT:	Nicola Ryan Email: rapidalert@fsai.ie
39	OTHER INFORMATION:	The Food Standard Agency Northern Ireland has been informed of the withdrawal of the product from trade.
41*	ATTACHED DOCUMENTS: (compressed format)	<input type="checkbox"/> health certificate <input type="checkbox"/> CVED <input type="checkbox"/> phytosanitary certificate <input type="checkbox"/> analytical report <input type="checkbox"/> bill(s)/delivery document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> press release/public recall info other:
42*	CONFIDENTIAL:	<input type="checkbox"/>
43*	IF YES, WHICH BOXES (NUMBERS):	
44*	IF YES, REASON:	

numbers underlined: information is required

numbers with *: information is required, if applicable