

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 Salford we're taking this very seriously and the council's Trading Standards team is confiscating illegal products from local shops. We're also urging you not to buy these products for children.

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, which in turn 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.

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 trading_standards@salford.gov.uk.