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Food-imitating mothballs banned



The food-imitating mothball Jolly Plus – Antitarmico Profumato has been withdrawn from the local market by the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority.

These mothballs have the appearance, packing and form of sweets with a diameter of around 20mm. They can easily be mistaken for sweets by young children.

The product poses a chemical and choking risk, partial or complete obstruction of the airway when swallowed, leading to suffocation or further complications when digested.

Notification of this banned product has been put on RAPEX by other EU member states.

RAPEX -the Community Rapid Information System - was established to provide a swift information exchange mechanism between EU states and the European Commission, on preventive and restrictive measures taken in relation to consumer products posing a serious risk to the health and safety of consumers.

The product was also found on the Maltese market.

MCCAA warned consumers to refrain from using the product. It also warned economic operators to remove unsold products from their shelves.

Anyone found selling or placing these products on the market would be liable for legal proceedings.

4 Comments

MARK MIFSUD BONNICI

Today, 13:41

RATHER THAN DUMPING THESE MOTHBALLS GOVERNMENT SHOULD USE THEM TO PROTECT PALM TREES FROM THE RED WEEVIL ATTACKS. IN SICILY THE USE OF MOTHBALLS TO PREVENT INFESTATION HAS WORKED MIRACLES.

Mr Paul Barrett

Today, 13:34

Unless these moth balls smell totally different from any I have come across, you or indeed anyone would have to be totally devoid of any sense of smell or actually any sense at all to actually want to eat one.

Yes I am being cynical having survived lead water piping, lead paint on toys, teddy bears with eyes that can be pulled out, marbles, conkers, air rifles, catapults, bows and arrows and all sorts of other fun hazards of growing up.

Marianne Tabone

Today, 13:11

I saw these moth balls! They really resemble marshmallows! Very dangerous indeed! Good thing not to allow sales of such items! And parents should really pay attention what they purchase when they have children!

Stephen Koludrovic

Today, 12:07

And we always thought that irresponsible idiots were only born in Malta. Other countries seems to have even bigger idiots than us.

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