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Para Red Contamination of Paprika Originating from Uzbekistan

An alert was raised on 21 April 2005 by the UK Food Standards Agency about contamination of some supplies of ground paprika with Para Red, an illegal dye related to the Sudan dyes.

Savoury Flavours Ltd sources ground paprika from two suppliers, Juan Jose Abarracin and Juan Navarro Garcia, both from the Murcia region of Spain, which is the same area as the contaminated source. However, we would stress that our two suppliers are **not** associated with the supplier implicated in this alert.

Both our suppliers only purchase whole dried pods, which they then mill themselves - neither company purchases any pre-ground paprika (which is how the contaminated material is thought to have entered the EU). One company sources pods from Spain, South Africa and Zimbabwe, the other from Spain, Zimbabwe and Peru – none of which sources are implicated in this alert.

Suitable test methods for Para Red contamination are still under development at several UK food laboratories. Once the methodology has been established, we intend to positively release batches of ground paprika into our production (as already done with Chilli powders for Sudan dyes).

Background information on this subject can be found on the FSA website at <http://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/alerts/2005/apr/oldelpasoalert>

We hope this gives you all the information you need, but don't hesitate to contact us if you have any query.

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