

**POSSIBLE CONTAMINATION OF STAR ANISE
& SAIGON CINNAMON FROM VIETNAM**

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The SSA has this week reported intelligence about the possible contamination of Star Anise and Saigon Cinnamon of Vietnamese origin with an illegal dye Chrysoidine (CAS 532-82-1, CI 11270, sometimes also know as Solvent Orange 3). It is understood that these spices may have been coloured specifically for the Indian domestic market for some time, but that there is no evidence that spices treated with Chrysoidine have ever been imported into the UK or EU supply chain.

We have prepared this statement to allay any possible concerns of Savoury Flavours' customers:

- We do not use any Saigon Cinnamon (*cinnamomum loureirii*) in any of our products
- We use a small quantity of ground Star Anise (*illicium verum*) in some Chinese, Thai and other oriental style flavours.
- This ground Star Anise is sourced exclusively from one UK-based approved supplier, who has confirmed that *none* of the material originates from Vietnam. It is imported directly into the UK from China, validated by Exit Inspection and Quarantine Certificates that are required for all exports of Star Anise from China.
- Our supplier has indicated that it will carry out due diligence testing on samples of the above material once appropriate methodology is available

Therefore we are confident in asserting that none of Savoury Flavours' products can be contaminated with Chrysoidine.

We hope this statement reassures you about the products supplied by Savoury Flavours Ltd., but please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any query.

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