

To: Lead Food Officers
cc: REHIS, COSLA, SFELC

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Dear Colleague

Use of Colour E 155 (brown HT) on Cooked Chicken Products

We have become aware of alleged use of the food colour E 155 on cooked chicken portions.

The chicken portions are considered heat-treated meat products (food category 8.3.2 in Annex II of Regulation 1333/2008), in which the direct addition of the colour E155 is not permitted. The legislation is very clear; however FSS and FSA are aware that some companies are continuing to add E155 to cooked chicken in breach of the legislation.

Local Authorities will wish to note the above and we seek your help in reminding FBOs, during routine food standards inspections, that E155 is not permitted. If necessary, they should reformulate their products to remove E155.

We do not consider this breach of the legislation to be a public health issue. If you have any queries on this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me, at the email address above.

Yours sincerely



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