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## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORATE NOTICE

In accordance with the Food Safety Act and Regulation (EC) No. 178 of 2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the Environmental Health Directorate within the Superintendence of Public Health wishes to inform the public that from information received through the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF), said product **must not be consumed in view of the possible contamination with a pesticide (Ethlene oxide) in the sesame seeds within.**

In the past weeks, it was found that the chemical ethylene oxide might have been used to control certain organisms in sesame seeds, grown and exported from India. Such use of ethylene oxide is not approved in the EU, but permitted in countries outside EU, such as India. In high levels and long exposure, it can result carcinogenous.

Product description:	Miscela di semi biologici – Mixture of biological seeds
Brand:	Carrefour Bio
Weight:	250g
Durability dates:	20/05/2021 and 23/07/2021
Lots:	1655 and L20B1206

For further information, the public is kindly requested to contact the Health Inspectorate Services between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on telephone number 21337333 or by email [mhi@gov.mt](mailto:mhi@gov.mt). The public is also being invited to access the Directorate's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Environmental-Health-Directorate-Malta/145027878928626?ref=hl> or our official website at for similar information. <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/environmental/Pages/Home-Page.aspx>



