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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 by the trader, said product ***must not be consumed in view of the possible contamination with a pesticide (Ethlene oxide) in the sesame seeds used for the production of the same product.***

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 be carcinogenic.

Product description:	Dark Tahini
Brand:	Meridian
Weight:	270g
Durability date:	Best Before 30 11 2021
Lot:	0234 L1



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between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on telephone number 2133/333 or by email enhi@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 for similar information at: <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/environmental/Pages/Home-Page.aspx>
