

Product Safety Report

Letterbox Lab Explore Box 9 and Investigate Box 9	
Aspect	Details
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PSD Number	2501-0087
Product Type	Toys – Science experiment kit featuring expanding water beads
Product Identifiers	Brand: Letterbox Lab Model type: Explore Box 9 / chain reactions and Investigate Box 9
Product Description	Kids science kit for kids aged 6+, containing 3 experiments, one of which includes a small plastic bag of expanding water beads. Packaged in a purple cardboard box.
Country of Origin	United Kingdom
Counterfeit	No
Risk Level	Serious
Risk Type	Health risk
Risk Description	The product presents a serious health risk as it includes water beads that expand to more than 50% of their original size within 12 hours of soaking them in water. If the small, dehydrated bead is swallowed by a young child, the bead may expand inside the digestive tract causing a blockage. The product also presents a risk of asphyxiation as if a bead is swallowed in its hydrated form, it may block a young child's airway leading to aspiration. OPSS has published a Product Safety Alert for water beads, which can be accessed at: Product Safety Alert: Water Beads (PSA7) - GOV.UK The product does not meet the requirements of the Toys (Safety) Regulations 2011 or the Food Imitations (Safety) Regulations 1989.
Corrective Measures	Letterbox Lab have issued a safety warning to affected consumers advising them of the risks associated with water beads. Affected consumers should dispose of the water beads immediately with your household waste or ensure that they are stored safely out of reach of children and animals. Letterbox Lab have removed all water beads from Letterbox Lab Boxes.
Online Marketplace	N/A
Notifier	Local Authority Trading Standards

The OPSS Product Safety Alerts, Reports and Recalls Site can be accessed at the following link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/product-recalls-and-alerts