

# Security Alert



Explosives

Explosives Inspectorate

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## Booster missing from carton

### What happened?

A sealed box of 20 boosters had one booster missing when it was opened.

The investigation found that the carton was incorrectly packed with one booster missing at the factory. The packing cardboard showed 19 imprints of boosters instead of 20.

More cartons have been identified with missing boosters since the original report.

### Recommendations

1. Explosives users should verify the correct number of explosive articles have been supplied when the package is opened. If this is not done on opening, the cause of the discrepancy may be difficult to verify.
2. If explosives appear to be lost or stolen, the event must be reported immediately to the police and the Explosives Inspectorate.
3. Suspect packages must be put aside, secured and made available for investigation. All staff who identified the situation should be available to help the investigation.
4. The explosives supplier must be notified of discrepancies.
5. Frequent independent verification of the quantities of explosives and their records is carried out.
6. Suppliers and manufacturers should supply explosive packages with tamper-evident seals.
7. Manufacturers must supply the correct quantity and weight of carton contents.
8. Licence holders should review their safety management system and security plans to meet these recommendations.
9. Licence holders should check that quality control measures and procedures are followed and records are kept and maintained.



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