



Cake Decorating

...edible glitters and
dusts



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Non edible cake decorating materials

- **described as dusts and glitters - are often marketed in misleading ways. Products only labelled as 'non toxic' should also be labelled as 'decoration only' as they must not be consumed.**
- Only glitter or dust labelled as edible should be applied to food for consumption - they will be made of permitted additives such as mica and titanium dioxide and must comply with EU food additives legislation.
- Edible glitter or dust must be labelled with the name or e-number of any additives used and should carry either the words 'for food', 'restricted use in food' or a more specific reference to their intended food use, such as 'edible lustre'.
- Non toxic and inedible glitters that have been tested and meet legislative requirements on food contact materials and articles can be applied for food decoration but they cannot be used for food for consumption - they should be labelled for food contact to show they cannot be eaten and should always include instructions for use.
- Other non toxic glitters and dusts that have not been tested to see if their constituent chemicals migrate into food at levels above legal limits do not meet the legislative requirements - they are not labelled 'for food contact' and should not come into contact with food.
- Anyone unsure if a non toxic glitter or dust is safe for use with food should contact the supplier. They must provide a declaration of compliance to show the products meet the legislative requirements.

