RASFF notifications in April 2024

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38 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in April 2024

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Update

This report summarises Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) notifications of products entering the European Union from low- and middle-income countries in April 2024:

- 8 notifications on feed
- 10 notifications on food contact materials
- 184 notifications on food products

originating from 38 AGRINFO partner countries.

April 2024 RASFF notifications

Food products

184 notifications on food products originating from 37 AGRINFO partner countries (Table 1).

Feed products

Eight notifications on feed entering the EU from China, India, Thailand, Turkey and Ukraine (Table 2).

Food contact materials

Ten notifications on food contact materials originating from China and Serbia (Table 3).

For more detail on these notifications, see the European Commission's RASFF Window using the references given in Tables 1–3.

Timeline

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What are the major implications for exporting countries?

RASFF notifications can have significant implications for producers and exporters. Notified food products may need to be recalled from the market or destroyed to prevent them from being sold and consumed. This can result in financial losses for producers, exporters, and other parties in the supply chain. If there are several interceptions due to contamination (e.g. by mycotoxins including aflatoxins, pesticide residues, pentachlorophenol and dioxins, microbiological contamination, Sudan dyes, Rhodamine B, or plant toxins), this can lead to increased controls and other measures. See Temporary increased official controls on food of certain origins.

Recommended Actions

To minimise RASFF notifications and ensure smooth trade with the EU market, producers and exporters from non-EU countries must take action to ensure the safety of their products. This involves implementing rigorous control measures at every stage of production, processing, and packaging to ensure adherence to EU standards and regulations; establishing comprehensive food safety management systems (such as Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points - HACCP) to address potential risks across the supply chain; and maintaining meticulous documentation of all activities to enable traceability and provide evidence of compliance with EU regulations.

Background

The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) was set up to allow EU food safety authorities to rapidly exchange information on health risks from food or feed, enabling them to take immediate action to avert the risk. RASFF provides a round-the-clock service to ensure that urgent notifications are sent, received and responded to collectively and efficiently. Information exchanged through RASFF can lead to products being recalled from the EU market, averting risks before they can cause harm, from farm to fork.

The European Commission must inform non-EU countries if an exported product is subject to a notification, so that the country's authorities and exporters can take corrective measures.

The legal basis for RASFF is set out in Art. 50 of the EU General Food Law (Regulation 178/2002).

For further information see Official Controls Regulation – explained.

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Table 1
RASFF notifications for food products in April 2024

Category	Hazards	Ref.
Albania		
Fruits and vegetables	Formetanate	2024.3393
	Formetanate	2024.3214
Brazil		
Fruits and vegetables	Imazalil	2024.3379
Meat and meat products (other than poultry)	*Escherichia coli* shigatoxin-producing	2024.3001
Nuts, nut products and seeds	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.3158
Poultry meat and poultry meat products	*Salmonella*	2024.3303
	Salmonella minnesota	2024.3212
	Salmonellen	2024.3196
China		
Cereals and bakery products	Crustaceans undeclared	2024.2933
Confectionery	Colour E 110 – Sunset Yellow FCF undeclared, colour E 124 – Ponceau 4R/ cochineal red A undeclared	2024.2830
Fruits and vegetables	Tolfenpyrad	2024.3415
	Lead	2024.3108
Herbs and spices	Anthraquinone, orthophenylphenol	2024.2715
	Acetamiprid, bifenthrin, carbofuran, chlorpyrifos, flonicamid, imidacloprid, mineral oil, propiconazole, pyraclostrobin, tebuconazole	2024.2707
Nuts, nut products and seeds	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2772
	Isoprocarb unauthorised substance	2024.2749
Prepared dishes and snacks	Import illegal	2024.3201
	Crustaceans undeclared	2024.2930
	Cow's milk presence	2024.2927
	Import illegal, protein poultry	2024.2764
	Egg undeclared, import illegal	2024.2645
	Import illegal	2024.2643
	Import illegal, protein poultry	2024.2614
Soups, broths, sauces and condiments	Benzo(a)pyrene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons heavy	2024.2957
	Protein poultry	2024.2660
Côte d'Ivoire		
Fats and oils	Sudan 3 unauthorised colour, Sudan 4 unauthorised colour	2024.3468
Dominican Republic		
Fruits and vegetables	Chlorfenapyr unauthorised substance, cyfluthrin	2024.2736
	Chlorfenapyr unauthorised substance, fipronil unauthorised substance	2024.2728
Herbs and spices	Chlorfenapyr unauthorised substance, fipronil unauthorised substance	2024.2856
Ecuador		
Crustaceans and their products	*Vibrio vulnificus*	2024.3226
Fruits and vegetables	Chlorpyrifos	2024.2657

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Category	Hazards	Ref.
Egypt		
Fruits and vegetables	Tetramethrin unauthorised substance	2024.3401
	Linuron	2024.3387
	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.3331
	Dimethoate	2024.3228
	Carbofuran	2024.3131
	Methomyl unauthorised substance	2024.2746
	Chlorpyrifos	2024.2730
	Dimethoate	2024.2727
	Dimethoate	2024.2551
Herbs and spices	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.2759
Non-alcoholic beverages	E 200 – sorbic acid unauthorised, E 210 – benzoic acid unauthorised	2024.3369
	E 200 – sorbic acid unauthorised, E 210 – benzoic acid unauthorised	2024.3234
Nuts, nut products and seeds	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.3451
	Aflatoxins	2024.3353
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.3018
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2872
Soups, broths, sauces and condiments	E 200 – sorbic acid unauthorised	2024.2966
Georgia		
Nuts, nut products and seeds	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.3222
India		
Cereals and bakery products	Aflatoxin B1	2024.3371
	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, dimethoate	2024.3247
	Tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.2884
	Tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.2880
	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.2672
Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.3033
Crustaceans and their products	Nitrofuran (metabolite) furazolidone (AOZ) prohibited substance	2024.3111
	Leucomalachite green prohibited substance	2024.2848
Food additives and flavourings	Bifenthrin, ethion, imidacloprid, profenofos unauthorised substance, thiamethoxam	2024.2866
Fruits and vegetables	Carbendazim, chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.3414
	Fluopyram, thiamethoxam	2024.2777
Herbs and spices	Ethylene oxide	2024.3453
	Imidaclopride, acetamiprid, carbendazim, chlorpyriphos-ethyl, clothianidin, hexaconazole unauthorised substance, kresoxim-methyl, picoxystrobin unauthorised substance, propiconazole, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.3407
	Aflatoxin B1	2024.3203
	Salmonella	2024.2929
	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons sum of	2024.2922
	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.2651
	Chlorpyrifos	2024.2554
	Ethion	2024.2529
Nuts, nut products and seeds	Cyanide too high content	2024.3166
	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.2636

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Category	Hazards	Ref.
Indonesia		
Herbs and spices	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.3299
Jordan		
Fruits and vegetables	Bromopropylate, proquinazid	2024.2677
Prepared dishes and snacks	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.3327
Kenya		
Fruits and vegetables	Chlorpyrifos-methyl unauthorised substance	2024.3004
	Chlorfenapyr unauthorised substance	2024.2876
	Acephate unauthorised substance, methamidophos unauthorised substance	2024.2859
	Acephate unauthorised substance	2024.2855
	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.2854
	Acephate unauthorised substance	2024.2818
Libya		
Fruits and vegetables	Cypermethrin	2024.3189
Madagascar		
Fruits and vegetables	Carbaryl, chlorpyriphos-ethyl, fenitrothion	2024.3245
Mexico		
Fruits and vegetables	Oxamyl unauthorised substance	2024.2683
Morocco		
Fruits and vegetables	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, fenazaquin	2024.3478
	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, fenazaquin	2024.3477
	Hepatitis A virus	2024.3152
	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.2676
Herbs and spices	*Salmonella*	2024.3385
Nicaragua		
Nuts, nut products and seeds	Aflatoxin B1	2024.3098
Nigeria		
Non-alcoholic beverages	Colour E 110 – Sunset Yellow FCF too high content	2024.3358
Nuts, nut products and seeds	*Salmonella*	2024.2732
	Salmonella spp.	2024.2629
Pakistan		
Cereals and bakery products	Imidacloprid	2024.3452
	Imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, triazophos	2024.3227
	Acetamiprid	2024.3225
	Acetamiprid	2024.2951
	Acetamiprid, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam	2024.2798
	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.2650
Papua New Guinea		
Herbs and spices	Mineral oil	2024.3418
Paraguay		
Nuts, nut products and seeds	Aflatoxin B1	2024.3220
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2770
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2714

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Category	Hazards	Ref.
Peru		
Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	Cadmium	2024.3082
Fruits and vegetables	Cadmium	2024.3207
Philippines		
Prepared dishes and snacks	Glycidyl esters	2024.3332
Rwanda		
Herbs and spices	Chlorfenapyr unauthorised substance	2024.2688
South Africa		
Fruits and vegetables	Iprodione	2024.2757
Non-alcoholic beverages	Colour E 104 – quinoline yellow unauthorised use	2024.3311
Sri Lanka		
Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.2682
Syria		
Fruits and vegetables	Acetamiprid	2024.2986
	Acetamiprid	2024.2984
	E 200 – sorbic acid unauthorised, E 210 – benzoic acid unauthorised	2024.2972
Herbs and spices	Sudan 1 unauthorised colour, Sudan 4 unauthorised colour, Sudan Red B unauthorised colour	2024.3187
Thailand		
Cereals and bakery products	Colour E 102 – tartrazine unauthorised use	2024.2811
Confectionery	E 407 – carrageenan unauthorised, E 425 – konjac unauthorised	2024.2946
Fruits and vegetables	Novel food unauthorised	2024.3269
	Omethoate	2024.3057
Herbs and spices	Buprofezin, chlorfenapyr unauthorised substance, fenobucarb, imidacloprid	2024.2861
Prepared dishes and snacks	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.3312
Togo		
Nuts, nut products and seeds	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total, ochratoxin A	2024.2648
Tunisia		
Fats and oils	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.3147

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Category	Hazards	Ref.
Türkiye		
Cereals and bakery products	Gluten undeclared	2024.3434
Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	Sibutramine unauthorised substance	2024.3007
Fats and oils	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD)	2024.3095
	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.3063
Fruits and vegetables	Chlorothalonil	2024.3443
	Etoxazole, flonicamid	2024.3430
	Prochloraz	2024.3400
	Propiconazole	2024.3399
	Chlorpyrifos-methyl	2024.3397
	Aflatoxins B1, aflatoxin total	2024.3314
	Cadmium	2024.3310
	Salmonella	2024.3293
	Aflatoxins B1, aflatoxin total	2024.3231
	Imazalil	2024.3195
	Imazalil	2024.3194
	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, chlorpyrifos-methyl	2024.3148
	Spirotetramat, flonicamid	2024.3113
	Imazalil	2024.3110
	Imazalil	2024.3109
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total, ochratoxin A	2024.3078
	Aflatoxins B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2928
	Aflatoxin B1	2024.2925
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2920
	Aflatoxins B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2917
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2897
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2889
	Sulphite undeclared	2024.2755
	Acetamiprid	2024.2739
	Chlorpyrifos-methyl unauthorised substance	2024.2695
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2674
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2671
	Aflatoxins B1	2024.2669
	Ochratoxin A	2024.2602
	Aflatoxin total	2024.2581
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2577
Herbs and spices	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.3402
	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.2887
	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.2886
Natural mineral waters	Boron too high content	2024.3118
Nuts, nut products and seeds	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.3329
	Salmonella	2024.2758
	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.2527
Other food product/ mixed	Hazelnut undeclared	2024.2919
Prepared dishes and snacks	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.2899

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Category	Hazards	Ref.
Uganda		
Herbs and spices	Clothianidin, lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.2546
Ukraine		
Cereals and bakery products	Trans fatty acids too high content	2024.3461
	Chlorpyrifos	2024.3184
Confectionery	Trans fatty acids too high content	2024.2654
Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	1,3-dimethylamylamine (DMAA) unauthorised	2024.3079
Eggs and egg products	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.2816
Poultry meat and poultry meat products	*Salmonella infantis*	2024.3051
Uruguay		
Meat and meat products (other than poultry)	*Listeria monocytogenes*	2024.3146
Uzbekistan		
Fruits and vegetables	Ochratoxin A	2024.3126
Venezuela		
Crustaceans and their products	Sulphite too high content	2024.3239
	Sulphite too high content	2024.3159
Vietnam		
Cereals and bakery products	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.3062
Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	Anthraquinone	2024.3169
Crustaceans and their products	Leucocrystal violet unauthorised substance, leucomalachite green prohibited substance	2024.2687
Fish and fish products	Azithromycin unauthorised substance	2024.3265
	Leucomalachite green prohibited substance	2024.3065
Fruits and vegetables	Flonicamid, thiamethoxam	2024.3218
	Thiamethoxam	2024.3217
	Chlorothalonil, iprodione	2024.2543
Herbs and spices	Chlorpyrifos-methyl unauthorised substance	2024.3204

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Table 2
RASFF notifications for feed products in April 2024

Category	Hazards	Ref.
China		
Pet food	Enterobacteriaceae high count	2024.3302
India		
Pet food	*Salmonella*	2024.2595
Thailand		
Pet food	Mercury	2024.3334
Türkiye		
Pet food	*Salmonella* Braenderup	2024.2565
Ukraine		
Feed materials	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.3107
	Dioxins, polychlorobifenyls non-dioxin-like	2024.3061
	Salmonella Senftenberg	2024.2960
	Fludioxonil, metalaxyl	2024.2766

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Table 3 RASFF notifications for food contact materials in April 2024		
Category	Hazards	Ref
China		
Food contact material	Aluminium migration	2024.3456
	Migration overall too high level	2024.3287
	Nickel migration, primary aromatic amines migration	2024.3161
	Bisphenol A high content of	2024.3054
	Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.2978
	Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.2977
	Phthalate DBP – dibutyl migration, phthalate DIBP – diisobutyl migration	2024.2976
	Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.2964
	Migration overall too high level	2024.2893
Serbia		
Food contact material	Lead migration	2024.3175
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