RASFF notifications in August 2024

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38 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in August 2024

RASFF Window

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 that occurred in August 2024:

- 7 notifications on feed
- 10 notifications on food contact materials
- 143 notifications on food products

originating from 38 AGRINFO partner countries.

August 2024 RASFF notifications

Food products

143 notifications on food products originating from 36 AGRINFO partner countries (Table 1).

Feed products

Seven notifications on feed entering the EU from China, Georgia, India, Senegal, and Ukraine (Table 2).

Food contact materials

Ten notifications on food contact materials originating from China and Türkiye (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 involved in the supply chain. Furthermore, if there are several interceptions due to contamination – by mycotoxins including aflatoxins, pesticide residues, pentachlorophenol and dioxins, microbiological contamination, Sudan dyes, rhodamine B, and plant toxins – these 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 identify and 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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Sources

RASFF window (consulted 21 September 2024)

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
RASFF notifications for food in August 2024

Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards	Reference
Afghanistan			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Sulphite undeclared	2024.6271
Albania			
Fish and fish products	1	Rupture of the cold chain	2024.5932
	1	Histamine	2024.5917
Argentina			
Nuts, nut products and seeds	6	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.6287; 2024.6283; 2024.6168; 2024.6057; 2024.5984; 2024.5965
Fish and fish products	1	Cadmium	2024.5907
Fruits and vegetables	1	Deltamethrin, piperonylbutoxide	2024.6266
	1	Pesticide residue	2024.5894
	1	Paraquat unauthorised substance	2024.5890
Bosnia and Herzegovina			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Cadmium migration	2024.6530
Cereals and bakery products	1	Foreign bodies	2024.6199
Brazil			
Milk and milk products	1	Not defined	2024.6380
Poultry meat and poultry meat products	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.6167
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	Fluazifop	2024.6135
Cambodia			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Carbofuran, chlorpyrifos-methyl, dimethoate	2024.6193
Herbs and spices	1	Chlorfluazuron unauthorised substance, diflubenzuron, profenofos unauthorised substance	2024.5975

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China			
Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	1	Unauthorized novel food	2024.6581
Fish and fish products	1	Rupture of the cold chain	2024.6517
Cereals and bakery products	2	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.6466; 2024.6379
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.6382
Herbs and spices	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.6358
Fruits and vegetables	1	Sulphur unauthorised substance	2024.6337
	1	Iodine high content	2024.6136
Other food product / mixed	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.6278
	1	Poor or insufficient controls	2024.6072
Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	1	Diafenthiuron unauthorised substance, spirodiclofen unauthorised substance	2024.6237
Food contact materials	1	Melamine migration	2024.6165
Confectionery	1	Suffocation risk consumption	2024.5963
Prepared dishes and snacks	1	Labelling incomplete	2024.5913
Colombia			
Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.6536
Fruits and vegetables	1	Thiacloprid	2024.6428
Czech Republic			
Confectionery	1	Novel food ingredient unauthorised	2024.6138
Ecuador			
Crustaceans and products thereof	2	Rupture of the cold chain	2024.6405; 2024.6404
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.5964
Fish and fish products	1	Mercury	2024.5899
	1	Rupture of the cold chain	2024.5973
Egypt			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.6566
Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.6280
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	Not defined	2024.6207
Ices and desserts	1	Colour E 110 - Sunset Yellow FCF too high content, labelling insufficient	2024.6187
Guatemala			
Prepared dishes and snacks	1	Composition	2024.6238

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India			
Nuts, nut products and seeds	3	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.6570; 2024.6419; 2024.6410
	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.6519
Cereals and bakery products	1	Thiamethoxam, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.6475
Herbs and spices	1	Chlorpyrifos, thiamethoxam	2024.6426
	3	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.6357; 2024.6269; 2024.6228
	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.6311
	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, carbendazim unauthorised substance, chlorpyriphos-ethyl, clothianidin, hexaconazole unauthorised substance, kresoxim-methyl, profenofos unauthorised substance, propiconazole, thiamethoxam, tolfenpyrad, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.6208
	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, benomil/carbendazim, chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, clothianidin, dinotefuran, famoxadone, flonicamid, fluxapyroxad, imidacloprid, kresoxim-methyl, metalaxyl, profenofos unauthorised substance, propiconazole, thiamethoxam, tolfenpyrad, tricyclazole unauthorised substance, trifloxystrobin	2024.6116
	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.6021
	2	Ethylene oxide	2024.6569; 2024.6374
	1	Carbendazim unauthorised substance, chlorpyriphos-ethyl, clothianidin	2024.6546
	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, carbendazim, chlorpyriphos-ethyl, clothianidin, cypermethrin, flonicamid, hexaconazole unauthorised substance, iprobenfos unauthorised substance, kresoxim-methyl, picoxystrobin unauthorised substance, propiconazole, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.6545
Food contact materials	1	Mineral oil migration	2024.6276
Soups, broths, sauces and condiments	1	Allergens	2024.6181
Cereals and bakery products	1	Thiamethoxam	2024.6002
Indonesia			
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5995
Iran			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Sulphite undeclared	2024.6232
Nuts, nut products and seeds	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.6074; 2024.6005

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Kenya			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Indoxacarb	2024.6449
	1	Acephate unauthorised substance	2024.6446
	1	Acephate unauthorised substance, methamidophos unauthorised substance	2024.6444
	1	Bupirimate, famoxadone	2024.6435
Kosovo			
Herbs and spices	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.6341
Madagascar			
Herbs and spices	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.6343
Fruits and vegetables	1	Anthraquinone	2024.6022
Malaysia			
Other food product / mixed	1	Mineral oil	2024.5928
Mexico			
Herbs and spices	1	Anthraquinone, chlorpyrifos	2024.6017
Moldova			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Cadmium	2024.6081
Morocco			
Crustaceans and products thereof	1	Sulphite too high content	2024.6229
Fish and fish products	1	Rupture of the cold chain	2024.5974
Nigeria			
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	Improper official certificate	2024.6070
Pakistan			
Cereals and bakery products	1	Flutriafol	2024.6437
	2	Chlorpyrifos	2024.6334; 2024.6003
	2	Imidacloprid, thiamethoxam	2024.6294; 2024.6007
	1	Acetamiprid	2024.6212
	1	Imidacloprid	2024.6164
	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.5972
	1	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.5961
	1	Foreign bodies	2024.5911
	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5881
Peru			
Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	1	Mineral oil migration	2024.6497
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorfenapyr unauthorised substance, triazophos	2024.6059

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Philippines			
Prepared dishes and snacks	1	Food additives	2024.5981
Republic of North Macedonia			
Other food product / mixed	1	Foreign bodies	2024.6250
Serbia			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Acetamiprid	2024.6413
South Africa			
Other food product / mixed	1	Cetrimonium chloride	2024.6688
Sri Lanka			
Herbs and spices	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, tolfenpyrad	2024.6066
Sudan			
Nuts, nut products and seeds	2	Absence of official certificate	2024.6474; 2024.6473
Syria			
Confectionery	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.6577
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	*Salmonella* Mbandaka	2024.6152
Thailand			
Non-alcoholic beverages	1	Sulphite undeclared	2024.6412
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos, prophenophos, propiconazole, triazophos	2024.6010
Cereals and bakery products	1	Parisitic infestation	2024.5923
	1	Arsenic	2024.6198

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Türkiye			
Other food product / mixed	1	Lead	2024.5905
Confectionery	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.6574
Prepared dishes and snacks	1	Azoxystrobin, spirotetramat, boscalid, dimethomorph, fluopyram, fluxapyroxad, methoxyfenozide, metrafenone, penconazole, tebuconazole, triadimenol, trifloxystrobin	2024.6457
Fruits and vegetables	1	Titanium dioxide	2024.6304
	1	Diflubenzuron	2024.6249
	1	Dithiocarbamates	2024.6011
	1	Spirotetramat, acetamiprid, boscalid, cyflufenamid, cymoxanil, cyprodinil, dimethomorph, dithiocarbamates, emamectin, fluopyram, fluxapyroxad, metalaxyl, methoxyfenozide, metrafenone, penconazole, pyrimethanil, tebuconazole, tetraconazole, trifloxystrobin, zoxamide	2024.6344
	1	Azoxystrobin, spirotetramat, acetamiprid, boscalid, cyprodinil, dimethomorph, dithiocarbamates, fluopyram, fluxapyroxad, iprovalicarb unauthorised substance, lambda-cyhalothrin, metrafenone, pyrimethanil	2024.6338
	1	Pyriproxyfen	2024.6562
	1	Formetanate	2024.6550
	1	Permethrin	2024.6442
	1	Phosmet unauthorised substance, pyriproxyfen	2024.6436
	2	Ochratoxin A	2024.6422; 2024.6071
	1	E220 - sulfur dioxide too high content	2024.6416
	1	Organoleptic aspects	2024.6354
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	Aflatoxin total	2024.6347
Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	1	Presence of pharmacological substance	2024.6313
Herbs and spices	1	Sudan 1 unauthorised colour, Sudan 4 unauthorised colour	2024.6083
	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.6068
Ukraine			
Poultry meat and poultry meat products	3	Rupture of the cold chain	2024.6476; 2024.6462; 2024.6243
Other food product / mixed	1	Illegal import	2024.6286
Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	1	Isoprothiolane unauthorised substance	2024.6104
	1	E 210 - benzoic acid unauthorised	2024.6282
Fats and oils	1	Glycidyl esters	2024.6082
Fruits and vegetables	1	Moulds infested with	2024.6013

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Vietnam			
Herbs and spices	1	Lead	2024.6540
Fish and fish products	2	Leucomalachite green prohibited substance	2024.6532; 2024.5944
Fruits and vegetables	1	Cadmium	2024.6026
Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	1	Chlorfenapyr unauthorised substance, cypermethrin, emamectin, tolfenpyrad	2024.6015

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Table 2
RASFF notifications for feed products in August 2024

Country/category	Hazards	Reference
China		
Pet food	Possible health risk	2024.6537
Georgia		
Pet food	Incorrect labelling	2024.5969
India		
Feed materials	Enterobacteriaceae	2024.6327
Feed materials	Chlorpyrifos	2024.6095
Senegal		
Feed materials	Enterobacteriaceae	2024.6154
Ukraine		
Feed materials	*Salmonella* Senftenberg	2024.6565
Feed materials	Chlorpyrifos	2024.6120

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Table 3 RASFF notifications for food contact materials in August 2024	
Country/hazard	Reference
China	
Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.6415; 2024.6370; 2024.6242
Migration overall too high level	2024.6324
Melamine migration	2024.6142
Chromium migration	2024.6132
Arsenic migration, cobalt migration	2024.5999
Formaldehyde increasing migration	2024.5986
Unauthorized use of wheat in food contact material	2024.5935
Türkiye	
Phthalates migration	2024.6176
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