RASFF notifications in December 2024

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35 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in December 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 December 2024:

- 163 notifications on food products
- 5 notifications on feed
- 13 notifications on food contact materials

originating from 35 AGRINFO partner countries.

Notifications

Food products

163 notifications on food products originating from 34 AGRINFO partner countries (Table 1).

Feed products

Five notifications on feed entering the EU from Brazil, China, Turkiye, and Ukraine (Table 2).

Food contact materials

Thirteen notifications on food contact materials originating from Afghanistan, China, Egypt, Turkiye, and Vietnam (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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Tables & Figures

Table 1
RASFF notifications for food in December 2024

Category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Afghanistan			
Fruits & vegetables	2	E220 – sulfur dioxide [H], E220 – sulfur dioxide undeclared	2024.9608; 2024.9421
Albania			
Fruits & vegetables	2	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.9444; 2024.9133
Algeria			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.9509
Argentina			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.9252; 2024.8986
Meat & meat products (other than poultry)	1	*Escherichia coli*, *E. coli* shigatoxin-producing	2024.9229
Azerbaijan			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.9312
Bangladesh			
Herbs & spices	1	Rhodamine B unauthorised colour	2024.9572
Brazil			
Meat & meat products (other than poultry)	1	*Escherichia coli* shigatoxin-producing	2024.9504
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.9502
Other food product/mixed	1	Acephate [U], methamidophos [U]	2024.9295
Cambodia			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Acetamiprid	2024.9588
China			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.9606
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	2	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.9594; 2024.9592
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Lambda-cyhalothrin, tolfenpyrad	2024.9524
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Acetamiprid, difenoconazole, pyridaben, tolfenpyrad	2024.9195
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Carbendazim, pyraclostrobin, tebuconazole	2024.8959
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Acetamiprid, carbendazim [U], chlorpyrifos, imazalil, pyraclostrobin, tebuconazole, tolfenpyrad	2024.8957
Confectionery	1	Colour E 110 – Sunset Yellow FCF [H]	2024.9111
Food additives & flavourings	1	Ethylene oxide	2024.9139
Fruits & vegetables	1	Carbendazim [U], chlorpyriphos-ethyl, flonicamid, prochloraz	2024.9634
Fruits & vegetables	1	Iodine high content	2024.9151
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos-methyl	2024.9037
Other food product/mixed	1	Iodine high content	2024.9330
Colombia			
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Cadmium	2024.9494
Fruits & vegetables	1	Imidacloprid	2024.9235

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Category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Ecuador			
Crustaceans & products	2	Sulphite [H]	2024.9427; 2024.9196
Fish & fish products	1	Mercury	2024.8968
Crustaceans & products	1	*Vibrio vulnificus*	2024.8908
Egypt			
Fruits & vegetables	4	Oxamyl [U]	2024.9589; 2024.9371; 2024.9516; 2024.9219
Fruits & vegetables	1	Diflubenzuron	2024.9258
Fruits & vegetables	1	Buprofezin, chlorfenapyr, chlorpyrifos, lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.9148
Herbs & spices	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.9242
Nuts, nut products, seeds	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.9577; 2024.9461
Plant protection products	1	2-chloroethanol	2024.9496
Ghana			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Cyanide [H]	2024.9279
Herbs & spices	1	Orange II unauthorised colour	2024.9122
Guatemala			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	2-chloroethanol	2024.9049
India			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Colour unauthorised	2024.9091
Cereals & bakery products	1	Chlorpyrifos [U], imidacloprid	2024.9027
Cereals & bakery products	1	Thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.8947
Crustaceans & products	1	Nitrofuran (metabolite) furazolidone (AOZ) prohibited substance	2024.9090
Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	1	Ethylene oxide	2024.9314
Fruits & vegetables	1	Dimethoate, ethion, lambda-cyhalothrin, omethoate, profenofos [U]	2024.9414
Fruits & vegetables	1	Acephate [U], monocrotophos [U], tebuconazole	2024.9360
Fruits & vegetables	1	Fenpropathrin [U], methamidophos [U]	2024.9231
Herbs & spices	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.9651
Herbs & spices	1	*Salmonella*	2024.9574
Herbs & spices	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.9564
Herbs & spices	1	Iprobenfos [U]	2024.9536
Herbs & spices	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.9467
Herbs & spices	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.9227
Herbs & spices	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.9224
Herbs & spices	2	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.9136; 2024.9132
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Erucic acid [H]	2024.9597
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.9108
Other food product/mixed	1	E220- sulfur dioxide undeclared	2024.9055

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Category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Indonesia			
Fish & fish products	1	Soya undeclared	2024.9243
Iran			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Norovirus	2024.9545
Nuts, nut products, seeds	3	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.9599; 2024.9311; 2024.9257
Kazakhstan			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Cyanide high content	2024.9540
Nuts, nut products, seeds	2	Erucic acid [H]	2024.9034; 2024.9033
Kenya			
Fruits & vegetables	3	Acephate [U]	2024.9277; 2024.9268; 2024.9225
Fruits & vegetables	3	Acephate [U], methamidophos [U]	2024.9267; 2024.9264; 2024.9237
Fruits & vegetables	2	Hexaconazole [U]	2024.9249; 2024.9247
Lebanon			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella*	2024.9449
Herbs & spices	1	Ingredient unsafe	2024.9332
Madagascar			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorfenapyr [U], chlorpyrifos [U], lufenuron	2024.9212
Morocco			
Fish & fish products	1	Histamine	2024.9168
Cephalopods and products	1	Cadmium	2024.9011
Myanmar			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Thiamethoxam	2024.9618
Pakistan			
Other food product/mixed	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.9497
Herbs & spices	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.9378
Peru			
Herbs & spices	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.9474
Fruits & vegetables	1	Carbofuran	2024.9423
Fruits & vegetables	1	Cyfluthrin, methomyl [U], propamocarb	2024.9178
Rwanda			
Herbs & spices	1	Carbendazim [U]	2024.9217
Serbia			
Fruits & vegetables	2	Fluazifop	2024.9365; 2024.8895
Sri Lanka			
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Ethylene oxide	2024.9481
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Diuron [U]	2024.9392
Fish & fish products	1	Histamine	2024.9118
Fruits & vegetables	1	Metalaxyl	2024.9261
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorothalonil	2024.9238

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Syria			
Soups, broths, sauces, condiments	1	E 210 – benzoic acid unauthorised	2024.9443
Thailand			
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Colour E 102 – tartrazine unauthorised use, colour E 110 – Sunset Yellow FCF unauthorised use, colour E 133 – Brilliant Blue FCF unauthorised use	2024.8964
Food contact materials	1	Mineral oil migration	2024.9506
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorfenapyr, triazophos	2024.9626
Fruits & vegetables	1	Omethoate	2024.9416
Fruits & vegetables	1	Dimethomorph, lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.9228
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.9028
Herbs & spices	1	Pyridaben, sulfotep unauthorised substance, triazophos	2024.8941
Other food product/mixed	1	Iodine high content	2024.9325
Türkiye			
Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	2	Sildenafil unauthorised substance, tadalafil unauthorised substance	2024.9635; 2024.9632
Fruits & vegetables	1	Acetamiprid, sulfoxaflor	2024.8994
Fruits & vegetables	16	Aflatoxin B1	2024.9571; 2024.9519; 2024.9273; 2024.8980; 2024.9522; 2024.9233; 2024.9209; 2024.9176; 2024.8993; 2024.8982; 2024.8978; 2024.8924; 2024.9628; 2024.9538; 2024.8995; 2024.9542
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, deltamethrin, pyraclostrobin	2024.9401
Fruits & vegetables	1	Indoxacarb	2024.8935
Fruits & vegetables	12	Ochratoxin A	2024.9377; 2024.9357; 2024.9305; 2024.9297; 2024.9296; 2024.9144; 2024.9068; 2024.9063; 2024.9029; 2024.8958; 2024.8954; 2024.8950
Herbs & spices	1	*Salmonella*	2024.9072
Herbs & spices	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.8934
Nuts, nut products, seeds	3	Aflatoxin, aflatoxin B1	2024.9307; 2024.9527; 2024.9094
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Gluten undeclared	2024.9188
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.9356
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella*	2024.9361
Other food product/mixed	1	*Salmonella* Mbandaka	2024.9211
Uganda			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.937
Fruits & vegetables	1	Lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.9301
Ukraine			
Cereals & bakery products	2	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.9523; 2024.9472
Poultry meat & products	5	Clopidol unauthorised substance	2024.9514; 2024.9513; 2024.9512; 2024.9260; 2024.9254
Fruits & vegetables	1	Ethylene oxide	2024.8913
Venezuela			
Crustaceans & products	1	Sulphite [H]	2024.955

* [H], too high content; [U], unauthorised substance

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Table 2
RASFF notifications for feed products in December 2024

Category	Hazards*	Reference
Brazil		
Feed materials	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.9177
China		
Feed additives	Chloramphenicol prohibited substance	2024.9036
Türkiye		
Feed materials	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.9185
Pet food	Enterobacteriaceae too high count, *Salmonella*	2024.8972
Ukraine		
Feed materials	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.8881

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Table 3 RASFF notifications for food contact materials in December 2024	
Country/hazard	Reference
Afghanistan	
Aluminium increasing migration	2024.8897
China	
Formaldehyde migration	2024.9607; 2024.9379
Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.9605; 2024.9169; 2024.8902
Melamine migration	2024.9417
Melamine increasing migration	2024.9220
Migrazione specifica cromo migrazione specifica nichel; manganese migration	2024.9146
Cobalt migration	2024.8939
Egypt	
1-hydroxy-cyclohexyl phenyl ketone migration; lead migration; phthalate migration of: dibutyl (DBP), di(2-ethylhexyl) (DEHP), diisobutyl (DIBP), diisodecyl (DIDP), di-isononyl (DINP)	2024.9200
Türkiye	
Lead migration; phthalate migration of: DBP, DEHP, DIBP, DIDP, DINP	2024.9210
Vietnam	
Melamine migration	2024.9566
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