RASFF notifications in July 2024

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41 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in July 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 July 2024:

- 189 notifications on food products
- 3 notifications on feed
- 12 notifications on food contact materials

originating from 41 AGRINFO partner countries.

Notifications

Food products

189 notifications on food products originating from 41 AGRINFO partner countries (Table 1).

Feed products

Three notifications on feed entering the EU from India, Türkiye, and Ukraine (Table 2).

Food contact materials

12 notifications on food contact materials originating from China (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.

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 July 2024

Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Afghanistan			
Fruits & vegetables	1	E220 sulfur dioxide [H]	2024.5787
Herbs & spices	1	Sudan 1 unauthorised colour, Sudan 3 unauthorised colour	2024.5244
Albania			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Dieldrin [P]	2024.5485
	1	Famoxadone, formetanate	2024.5370
	1	Formetanate	2024.5282
Algeria			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Bifenthrin, chlorothalonil, deltamethrin, spiromesifen	2024.5855
Argentina			
Fruits & vegetables	1	2,4-D	2024.5851
	1	2,4-D, paraquat [U]	2024.5606
	1	Cypermethrin	2024.5231
Fish & fish products	1	Total volatile basic nitrogen [H]	2024.5469
Nuts, nut products, seeds	3	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5451; 2024.5402; 2024.5400
Bolivia			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.5777
Bosnia and Herzegovina			
Cereals & bakery products	1	E 200 sorbic acid [H]	2024.5462
Brazil			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Acephate [U], methamidophos [U]	2024.5159
Herbs & spices	1	*Salmonella*	2024.5283
Poultry meat & products	4	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.5595; 2024.5149; 2024.5133; 2024.5031
Cambodia			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Acetamiprid, tricyclazole [U]	2024.5560
Herbs & spices	1	Cyfluthrin, cyromazine, dinotefuran, epoxiconazole [U], isoprocarb [U]	2024.5093
China			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.5441
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Acetamiprid, chlorpyrifos, diafenthiuron [U], dinotefuran, lambda-cyhalothrin, pyridaben, tolfenpyrad	2024.5862
	1	Imidacloprid, lambda-cyhalothrin, pyridaben	2024.5519
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U], dinotefuran, tolfenpyrad	2024.5053
Confectionery	1	E 407 carrageenan unauthorised	2024.5874
Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	1	Novel food ingredient	2024.5700
Fruits & vegetables	1	E220 sulfur dioxide [H]	2024.5484
	1	Pesticide residues	2024.5414
	1	Disinfectant/sanitiser taste	2024.5229
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella*, *Salmonella* London	2024.5433
	1	Aflatoxins	2024.5163
Dominican Republic			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorfenapyr, clothianidin, etofenprox	2024.5523
Ecuador			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Soya presence	2024.5322
Egypt			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpropham, chlorpyrifos	2024.5530
	1	Oxamyl [U]	2024.5472
	1	Flumetralin	2024.5274
	3	Ethephon	2024.5143; 2024.5140; 2024.5112
Herbs & spices	1	*Salmonella*	2024.5470
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxins	2024.5096

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Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Ghana			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.5287
Guinea			
Fats & oils	1	Sudan 4 unauthorised colour	2024.5011
Guyana			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Arsenic	2024.5590
India			
Cephalopods & products	1	Cadmium	2024.5331
Cereals & bakery products	1	Thiamethoxam	2024.5831
	1	Aflatoxins B1, aflatoxin total, ochratoxin A, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.5669
	1	Thiamethoxam	2024.5547
	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.5404
	1	Cadmium	2024.5340
	1	Propiconazole, tricyclazole [U]	2024.5070
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Atropine, mineral oil migration, pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.5015
Confectionery	1	E220 sulfur dioxide [H]	2024.5464
Crustaceans & products	2	Nitrofuran (metabolite) furazolidone (3-amino-2-oxazolidinone, AOZ) [P]	2024.5678; 2024.5381
Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	2	Ethylene oxide	2024.5579; 2024.5531
	1	Sildenafil [U], tadalafil [U]	2024.5366
Fruits & vegetables	1	Acephate [U], methamidophos [U], monocrotophos [U], permethrin [U]	2024.5826
	1	Methamidophos [U]	2024.5763
	1	Clothianidin, thiamethoxam	2024.5723
	1	Fenpropathrin	2024.5556
	1	Fenpropathrin	2024.5512
	1	Propargite	2024.5396
	1	Azinphos-methyl	2024.5324
Herbs & spices	3	Ethylene oxide	2024.5735; 2024.5515; 2024.5493
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.5728
	1	Azoxystrobin, imidaclopride, acetamiprid, carbendazim, carbofuran, chlorpyrifos, clothianidin, dinotefuran, fipronil [U], hexaconazole [U], kresoxim-methyl, metalaxyl, propamocarb, pyriproxyfen, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.5544
	1	Acetamiprid, carbendazim, carbofuran, chlorpyrifos, clothianidin, flonicamid, kresoxim-methyl, tebufenozide, thiamethoxam, thiophanate-methyl, tolfenpyrad, tricyclazole [U]	2024.5541
	1	Acetamiprid, carbendazim, chlorpyrifos, fipronil [U], hexaconazole [U], imidacloprid, kresoxim-methyl, picoxystrobin [U], thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.5350
	1	Acetamiprid, carbendazim [U], chlorpyrifos [U], clothianidin, hexaconazole [U], thiamethoxam, tolfenpyrad, tricyclazole [U]	2024.5238
	1	Acetamiprid, benomil/carbendazim, chlorpyrifos [U], clothianidin, dimethoate, dinotefuran [U], famoxadone, fipronil [U], flonicamid, hexaconazole [U], imidacloprid, iprobenfos [U], kresoxim-methyl, picoxystrobin [U], pyriproxyfen, thiamethoxam, tolfenpyrad, tricyclazole [U]	2024.5136
	1	Gluten undeclared	2024.5050
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.5850
	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.5770
	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5604
	1	Ethylene oxide	2024.5570
	1	*Salmonella*	2024.5239
Other food product/mixed	1	Pentachlorophenol	2024.5352

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Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Indonesia			
Fish & fish products	1	Cadmium	2024.5680
Herbs & spices	2	Ochratoxin A	2024.5497; 2024.5049
Iran			
Other food product/mixed	1	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.5698
Nuts, nut products, seeds	3	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5612; 2024.5126; 2024.5491
Herbs & spices	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl, malathion	2024.5527
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.5165
Jordan			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Cow's milk presence	2024.5289
Kenya			
Fruits & vegetables	2	Carbendazim	2024.5500; 2024.5304
	1	Acephate [U], chlorpyriphos-ethyl, methamidophos [U]	2024.5496
	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.5330
	1	Acephate [U], methamidophos [U]	2024.5195
Mexico			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5730
Moldova			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Trans fatty acids [H]	2024.5788
Morrocco			
Fruits & vegetables	1	*Salmonella enterica*	2024.5836
Fish & fish products	1	Histamine	2024.5775
Nicaragua			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5446
Nigeria			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella muenster*	2024.5068
Pakistan			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Acetamiprid, flonicamid	2024.5859
	1	Acetamiprid, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam	2024.5811
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.5743
	1	Acetamiprid, clothianidin, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam	2024.5662
Non-alcoholic beverages	1	E 210 benzoic acid [H]	2024.5587
Cereals & bakery products	1	Acetamiprid, imidacloprid	2024.5401
	2	Thiamethoxam	2024.5399; 2024.5220
	1	Imidaclopride, thiamethoxam	2024.5398
Peru			
Fruits & vegetables	2	Cadmium	2024.5846; 2024.5277
Philippines			
Cereals & bakery products	2	Colour E 110 Sunset Yellow FCF unauthorised use	2024.5122; 2024.5089

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Rwanda			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Acephate [U], clothianidin, mepronil, methamidophos [U], thiamethoxam	2024.5710
	1	Carbendazim	2024.5355
	1	Carbendazim, omethoate, profenofos [U]	2024.5309
Serbia			
Prepared dishes & snacks	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.5807
Fruits & vegetables	1	Metalaxyl	2024.5665
Cereals & bakery products	1	Fumonisins	2024.5051
South Africa			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Glufosinate [U]	2024.5144
Sri Lanka			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Profenofos [U]	2024.5724
	1	Novaluron	2024.5722
	1	Metalaxyl	2024.5639
Fish & fish products	1	*Salmonella*	2024.5465
Herbs & spices	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.5043
Sudan			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.5236
Syria			
Herbs & spices	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.5573
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin, aflatoxin B1	2024.5064
	2	*Salmonella*	2024.5263; 2024.5235
Thailand			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Lead high content	2024.5835
	1	Chlorpyrifos, omethoate	2024.5249
Herbs & spices	1	*Bacillus cereus*, mineral oil	2024.5601
Tunisia			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.5052
Türkiye			
Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	2	Sibutramine [U], sildenafil [U]	2024.5731; 2024.5716
	1	Sibutramine [U]	2024.5060
Fish & fish products	1	*Salmonella ohio*	2024.5208
Fruits & vegetables	1	Dimethoate	2024.5877
	5	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5868; 2024.5867; 2024.5853; 2024.5571; 2024.5518
	2	Ochratoxin A	2024.5032; 2024.5292
	5	Formetanate	2024.5675; 2024.5664; 2024.5384; 2024.5369; 2024.5006
	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.5594
	1	E220 sulfur dioxide [H]	2024.5479
	1	Pyrimethanil	2024.5134
Herbs & spices	2	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.5589; 2024.5205
	1	Sudan 1 unauthorised colour	2024.5334
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5345
	1	Foreign body	2024.5279
Soups, broths, sauces, condiments	1	Labelling absence	2024.5147

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Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Uganda			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.5438
	1	Profenofos [U]	2024.5336
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5436
Ukraine			
Fats & oils	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.5707
Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	2	E 210 benzoic acid unauthorised	2024.5449; 2024.5432
Poultry meat & products	1	Doxycycline unauthorised	2024.5377
	1	*Salmonella infantis*	2024.5172
Uzbekistan			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.5827
Vietnam			
Bivalve molluscs & products	1	Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	2024.5425
Cereals & bakery products	2	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.5875; 2024.5034
Confectionery	1	Suffocation risk consumption	2024.5081
Crustaceans & products	1	Egg undeclared	2024.5781
Fish & fish products	1	Leucomalachite Green [P], Malachite Green [U]	2024.5175
	1	Leucomalachite Green [P]	2024.5174
Fruits & vegetables	4	Propiconazole	2024.5408; 2024.5407; 2024.5403; 2024.5365
	1	Chlorfenapyr	2024.5310
	1	Acetamiprid, dimethomorph, lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.5271
	1	Permethrin [U], tolfenpyrad	2024.5016
	1	Permethrin [U]	2024.5014

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

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Table 2 RASFF notifications for feed products in July 2024		
Country/category	Hazards	Reference
India		
Feed additives	Dioxins	2024.5439
Türkiye		
Fruits & vegetables	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.5865
Ukraine		
Feed materials	*Salmonella* Senftenberg, *Salmonella* Westhampton	2024.5582
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Table 3 RASFF notifications for food contact materials in July 2024	
Country/hazards	Reference
China	
Aluminium migration, bisphenol A	2024.5684
Melamine increasing migration, melamine migration	2024.5554
Formaldehyde migration	2024.5445
Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.5437
Formaldehyde increasing migration	2024.5323
Cadmium migration, cobalt migration, lead migration	2024.5224
Cadmium migration, lead migration	2024.5189
Corrosion	2024.5167
Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.5119
Formaldehyde increasing migration	2024.5115
Migration overall too high level	2024.5090
Chromium migration, manganese migration, migration overall too high level, nickel	2024.5076
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