RASFF notifications in June 2024

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

- 3 notifications on feed
- 5 notifications on food contact materials
- 167 notifications on food products

originating from 35 AGRINFO partner countries.

June 2024 RASFF Notifications

Food products

167 notifications on food products originating from 35 AGRINFO partner countries (Table 1).

Feed products

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

Food contact materials

Five notifications on food contact materials originating from Bangladesh, China, Malaysia, 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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Tables & Figures

Table 1
RASFF notifications for food in June 2024

Category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Afghanistan			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Sulphite [H], sulphite undeclared	2024.4974
Argentina			
Meat & meat products (other than poultry)	1	*Escherichia coli* shigatoxin-producing	2024.4895
Fruits & vegetables	1	Glufosinate [U]	2024.4613
Nuts, products & seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.4317
Bosnia and Herzegovina			
Confectionery	1	E 200 – sorbic acid [H]	2024.4656
Brazil			
Fruits & vegetables	2	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.4438; 2024.4258
Meat & meat products (other than poultry)	1	*Listeria monocytogenes*	2024.4860
	1	*Escherichia coli*	2024.4498
Poultry meat & products	24	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.4837; 2024.4834; 2024.4587; 2024.4584; 2024.4538; 2024.4536; 2024.4535; 2024.4530; 2024.4528; 2024.4527; 2024.4504; 2024.4497; 2024.4495; 2024.4490; 2024.4484; 2024.4480; 2024.4478; 2024.4477; 2024.4427; 2024.4420; 2024.4410; 2024.4334; 2024.4320; 2024.4318
China			
Food contact materials	1	Formaldehyde increasing migration	2024.4934
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Dinotefuran, lambda-cyhalothrin, tolfenpyrad, triadimenol	2024.4900
Food contact materials	1	Rhodamine B migration	2024.4683
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.4483
Soups, broths, sauces & condiments	1	*Bacillus cereus*	2024.4473
Other food product/mixed	1	Iodine high content	2024.4351
Ecuador			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.4772
Egypt			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorfenapyr, lufenuron	2024.4967
	3	Chlorpyrifos	2024.4945; 2024.4409; 2024.4374
	1	Lambda-cyhalothrin, pirimiphos-methyl, thiabendazole	2024.4851
	1	Propiconazole	2024.4778
	1	Norovirus	2024.4773
	1	*Salmonella*	2024.4680
	1	Pesticide residues	2024.4439
	1	Chlorpropham, propamocarb	2024.4368
Herbs & spices	1	*Salmonella anatum*	2024.4607
	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.4434
Nuts, products & seeds	4	Aflatoxins B1, aflatoxin total	2024.4986; 2024.4514; 2024.4513; 2024.4512
	1	*Salmonella*, *Salmonella Mbandaka*	2024.4954
	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.4913
	2	Aflatoxins	2024.4492; 2024.4458

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Category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Georgia			
Nuts, products & seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.4878
Ghana			
Fish & products	1	Benzo(a)pyrene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons sum of	2024.4818
India			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.4771
	1	Thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.4385
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.4775
Dietetic foods, food supplements & fortified foods	1	Gluten presence	2024.4267
	1	Sildenafil [U]	2024.4862
	1	Ethylene oxide	2024.4658
Fruits & vegetables	1	Ethion	2024.4942
	1	Propargite	2024.4768
	1	Fipronil [U], permethrin [U]	2024.4687
Herbs & spices	3	Ethylene oxide	2024.4990; 2024.4595; 2024.4304
	1	Novel food unauthorised	2024.4870
	1	Acetamiprid, chlorpyrifos [U], clothianidin, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.4777
	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl, cypermethrin, thiamethoxam	2024.4573
	1	*Salmonella Weltevreden*	2024.4412
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.4294
Nuts, products & seeds	1	*Salmonella enterica*	2024.4973
	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.4518
	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, carbendazim, chlorpyrifos, clothianidin, dimethoate, imidacloprid, metalaxyl, propiconazole, thiamethoxam, thiophanate-methyl	2024.4253
Other food product/mixed	1	Ethylene oxide	2024.4839
	1	Mustard undeclared, sesame undeclared	2024.4544
Soups, broths, sauces & condiments	1	Ethylene oxide	2024.4571
Iran			
Nuts, products & seeds	4	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxins	2024.4970; 2024.4817; 2024.4589; 2024.4489
Herbs & spices	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.4829
Iraq			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Cadmium	2024.4259
Jordan			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Tolfenpyrad	2024.4721
Kenya			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Sulfoxaflor	2024.4471
	1	Hexaconazole [U]	2024.4465
Lebanon			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, boscalid, carbendazim, chlorpyrifos, cypermethrin, cyprodinil, difenoconazole, fenpyroximate , fludioxonil, imidacloprid, metalaxyl, profenofos [U], thiophanate-methyl	2024.4793

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Malaysia			
Dietetic foods, food supplements & fortified foods	1	Sildenafil [U], tadalafil [U]	2024.4537
Prepared dishes and snacks	1	E 621 – monosodium glutamate [H]	2024.4338
Morocco			
Herbs & spices	1	Almond traces	2024.4890
Nigeria			
Nuts, products & seeds	4	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.4762; 2024.4759; 2024.4757; 2024.4722
Pakistan			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.4910
	1	Imidaclopride, acetamiprid, thiamethoxam	2024.4717
	1	Acetamiprid, thiamethoxam	2024.4464
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.4424
	1	Aflatoxin B1, ochratoxin A	2024.4447
	1	Acetamiprid, imidacloprid	2024.4380
Peru			
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.4844
Philippines			
Fruits & vegetables	1	*Salmonella*	2024.4398
Republic of North Macedonia			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Cadmium	2024.4653
Rwanda			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Carbendazim [U]	2024.4664
South Africa			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Lead	2024.4515
Sri Lanka			
Fish & products	1	Histamine	2024.4999
Fruits & vegetables	1	Profenofos [U]	2024.4725
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Acetamiprid, chlorpyrifos, dinotefuran, lambda-cyhalothrin, tolfenpyrad	2024.4541
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U], metolcarb [U]	2024.4507
Suriname			
Fish & products	1	Arsenic	2024.4899
Syria			
Herbs & spices	1	Soya undeclared	2024.4981
Tanzania			
Herbs & spices	1	Carbendazim [U], chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.4827
Thailand			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Carbendazim, carbofuran, chlorpyriphos-ethyl, hexaconazole [U], lambda-cyhalothrin, triazophos	2024.4443
	1	Azoxystrobin, buprofezin, carbendazim, chlorfenapyr, diazinon, dimethoate, imidacloprid, lambda-cyhalothrin, profenofos [U], propiconazole, triazophos	2024.4377
	1	Pyraclostrobin	2024.4343
	1	Acetamiprid, bifenthrin, chlorantraniliprole, chlorfenapyr, clothianidin, cypermethrin, diazinon, diflubenzuron, emamectin, fipronil [U], indoxacarb, iprodione, lufenuron, thiamethoxam	2024.4319
Soups, broths, sauces & condiments	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.4321

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Category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Türkiye			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Sulphurous acid	2024.4987
	1	Spirotetramat, acetamiprid, sulfoxaflor	2024.4746
	1	E 220 – sulfur dioxide [H]	2024.4767
	4	Acetamiprid	2024.4651; 2024.4482; 2024.4440; 2024.4299
	1	Spirotetramat, acetamiprid	2024.4516
	1	Fenamiphos, pirimiphos-methyl	2024.4442
	1	prochloraz	2024.4437
	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.4428; 2024.4260
	1	Aflatoxin total	2024.4333
	1	Fosthiazate	2024.4301
Herbs & spices	3	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.4866; 2024.4386; 2024.4329
	1	Sibutramine [U]	2024.4825
	1	Anthraquinone, benzo(a)pyrene	2024.4392
Honey & royal jelly	1	Sildenafil, tadalafil [U]	2024.4373
Nuts, products & seeds	2	*Salmonella spp*	2024.4953; 2024.4256
	1	Aflatoxin	2024.4731
	1	Salmonella cubana	2024.4275
Prepared dishes and snacks	1	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.4395
Uganda			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.4397
Nuts, products & seeds	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.4310
Ukraine			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Spirodiclofen [U]	2024.4414
Uzbekistan			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.4604
Vietnam			
Bivalve molluscs & products	1	Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	2024.4249
Cephalopods & products	1	Cadmium	2024.4906
	1	*Vibrio parahaemolyticus, Vibrio vulnificus*	2024.4864
Cereals & bakery products	1	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.4912
Crustaceans & products	1	*Vibrio parahaemolyticus*	2024.4960
	1	Egg undeclared	2024.4841
Fish & products	2	Leucomalachite green [P]	2024.4645; 2024.4629
Fruits & vegetables	1	Acetamiprid, dimethomorph, lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.4643
	1	Azoxystrobin, carbendazim [U], dimethomorph, fipronil [U], metalaxyl	2024.4632
Herbs & spices	1	*Clostridium perfringens*	2024.4349
Other food product/mixed	1	Nitrofuran (metabolite) furazolidone (AOZ) [P]	2024.4933
Food additives & flavourings	1	Presence of di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)	2024.4688

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

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Table 2 RASFF notifications for feed products in June 2024		
Country/category	Hazards*	Reference
Nigeria		
Feed materials	Aflatoxin B1	2024.4833
Egypt		
Feed materials	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.4376
India		
Nuts, products & seeds	Aflatoxin B1	2024.4313

* [U], unauthorised substance.

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Table 3 RASFF notifications for food contact materials in June 2024	
Country/hazards*	Reference
Bangladesh	
Melamine increasing migration	2024.4716
China	
Bisphenol A migration	2024.4652
Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.4612
Malaysia	
Migration overall too high level	2024.4932
Türkiye	
Cobalt migration	2024.4263

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