

# **RASFF** notifications in May 2024

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37 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in May 2024.

### **RASFF Window**

# **Update**

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

- 3 notifications on feed
- 10 notifications on food contact materials
- 195 notifications on food products

originating from 37 AGRINFO partner countries.

### **MAY 2024 RASFF NOTIFICATIONS**

# **Food products**

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

### Feed products

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

#### Food contact materials

Ten notifications on food contact materials originating from Bangladesh, China, and Türkiye (Table 3).

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

### Timeline

RASFF notifications in May 2024.





# 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 results 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 <u>Temporary increased official controls on food of certain origins</u>.

# **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.





# **Sources**

**RASFF Window** 

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# Table & Figures

Category	No. of	Hazards*	Reference
	alerts		
Afghanistan		1	I
Fruits & vegetables	1	E220 – sulfur dioxide too high content	2024.3787
Argentina			
Fish & products	1	Total volatile basic nitrogen too high content	2024.4145
Nuts, products & seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.4006
Bangladesh			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos, dimethoate, iprodione, omethoate	2024.3941
Bolivia			
Nuts, products & seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.3828
Brazil			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Imidaclopride, acetamiprid, buprofezin, fluxapyroxad, pyraclostrobin	2024.3996
Poultry meat & products	29	Salmonella spp.	2024.3634; 2024.3635; 2024.3632; 2024.3633; 2024.3634; 2024.3635; 2024.3636; 2024.3636; 2024.3636; 2024.3636; 2024.3636; 2024.3777; 2024.3777; 2024.3778; 2024.3779; 2024.3783; 2024.3783; 2024.3783; 2024.3783; 2024.3885; 2024.3885; 2024.3892; 2024.3891; 2024.3992; 2024.3902; 2024.3902; 2024.3902; 2024.3902; 2024.3902; 2024.3902; 2024.4053; 2024.3902; 2024.3902; 2024.4057
Fruits & vegetables	1	Azoxystrobin, buprofezin, chlorpyrifos, fluazinam, pyraclostrobin, thiophanate-methyl	2024.3937
Meat & meat products (other than poultry)	1	Escherichia coli, shigatoxin- producing	2024.3842
Poultry meat & products	7	Salmonella Minnesota	2024.3541; 2024.3623; 2024.3624; 2024.3626; 2024.3628; 2024.3629; 2024.3643
	1	Salmonella Heidelberg	2024.3631
	2	Salmonella Minnesota, Salmonella Newport	2024.3502; 2024.3546
	2	Salmonella Newport	2024.3501; 2024.3504
Cambodia			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorfenapyr, dinotefuran, nitenpyram [U]	2024.3617
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Nuts, products & seeds	1	Salmonella	2024.369
China		7	2024 4015
Cereals & bakery products	1	Zearalenone	2024.4015
Fruits & vegetables	1	Cadmium, lead	2024.3912
Fruits & vegetables	1	Cypermethrin, nicotine, propoxur [U], tetramethrin [U]	2024.3611
Fruits & vegetables	1	Colour E 124 – Ponceau 4R/cochineal red A [U]	2024.3602
Fruits & vegetables	1	Carbofuran	2024.3491
Herbs & spices	1	Salmonella spp.	2024.4230
Herbs & spices	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.4046
Nuts, products & seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.4173
Nuts, products & seeds	1	Pyraclostrobin	2024.3918
Prepared dishes & snacks	2	Import illegal	2024.3652; 2024.3898
Prepared dishes & snacks	1	Lactose presence	2024.3547
Soups, broths, sauces, & condiments	1	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.4171



		Table 1 Continued	
Category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Colombia			
ruits & vegetables	1	Cadmium	2024.3799
Côte d'Ivoire			
ats & oils	1	Mineral oil	2024.3678
Democratic Republic of th	ne Congo		
ruits & vegetables	1	Imidacloprid, omethoate	2024.3768
Ecuador			
Crustaceans & products	1	Vibrio vulnificus	2024.3985
Egypt			
ats & oils	1	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.3653
ruits & vegetables	1	Fluazifop	2024.4218
	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.421
	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.4202
	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl, propargite	2024.4068
	1	Buprofezin	2024.3932
	1	Imidacloprid	2024.3905
	1	Nicotine	2024.3718
Nuts, products & seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.4003
.,	2	Aflatoxin, aflatoxin B1	2024.353; 2024.3526
Other food product/mixed	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, bifenthrin, boscalid, carbendazim [U], chlorfenapyr [U], dimethomorph, fludioxonil, folpet, imidacloprid, indoxacarb, lambda-	2024.3686
		cyhalothrin, lufenuron, tebuconazole, thiophanate-methyl	
Georgia			
Prepared dishes & snacks	1	Acrylamide high level	2024.4048
India			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.3663
,	1	Carbendazim, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.3767
	1	Imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.3769
	1	Thiamethoxam	2024.3662
	2	Tricyclazole [U]	2024.3666; 2024.4206
Cocoa & preparations, offee & tea	1	Chlorpyrifos, chlorpyrifos-methyl	2024.3950
Dietetic foods, food supplements & fortified oods	1	Ethylene oxide, mercury	2024.3803
Fruits & vegetables	1	Carbendazim, chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.3899
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U], flonicamid, propargite	2024.3595
	1	Dimethoate, methamidophos [U], omethoate	2024.3531
	1	Fenpropathrin	2024.3599
Herbs & spices	1	2-chloroethanol, ethylene oxide	2024.3860
	2	Acetamiprid, carbendazim, chlorpyrifos, clothianidin, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.3916; 2024.4190
	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.3797
	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, benomil/carbendazim, chlorpyrifos, clothianidin, dinotefuran, fipronil [U], flonicamid, hexaconazole [U], picoxystrobin [U], thiamethoxam, tolfenpyrad, tricyclazole [U]	2024.4136
	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, carbendazim, carbofuran, chlorpyrifos, clothianidin, flonicamid, kresoxim-methyl, metalaxyl, picoxystrobin [U], thiamethoxam, tolfenpyrad, tricyclazole [U]	2024.4196
	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.4127
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U], polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons sum of	2024.4049
	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.3577
	2	Ethylene oxide	2024.3618;2024.3815
	1	Griseofulvin [U]	2024.4201
	1	Acetamiprid, bifenthrin, carbendazim [U], chlorpyrifos [U], fipronil [U], imidacloprid, quinalphos, tebuconazole, thiamethoxam	2024.3528
Nuts, products & seeds	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.4150; 2024.4177



		Table 1 Continued	
Category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Indonesia			
Herbs & spices	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.3795; 2024.3959
Iran			
Nuts, nut products, &	1	Aflatoxins	2024.4194
seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.4155
	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.359; 2024.3661
Prepared dishes & snacks	1	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.3864
Fruits & vegetables	2	Sulphite undeclared	2024.384; 2024.3846
Jordan			
Nuts, nut products, & seeds	1	Aflatoxins B1, Salmonella, aflatoxin total	2024.3749
Kenya			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Acephate [U]	2024.3557
Kosovo			
Poultry meat & poultry meat products	1	Listeria monocytogenes	2024.3866
Mali			
Nuts, nut products, & seeds	1	Salmonella	2024.375
Mauritius			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Cypermethrin, lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.3791
Myanmar			
Fish & fish products	1	Moulds infested with non-pathogenic micro-organisms	2024.3906
Nigeria			
Nuts, nut products, & seeds	1	Salmonella spp.	2024.4161
Pakistan			
Cereals & bakery	3	Acetamiprid	2024.3594; 2024.4223; 2024.4231
products	1	Acetamiprid, chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.3832
	2	Acetamiprid, imidacloprid	2024.3745; 2024.4191
	1	Acetamiprid, thiamethoxam	2024.36
	4	Aflatoxin, aflatoxin B1	2024.3858; 2024.3886; 2024.3908; 2024.3958
	1	Thiamethoxam	2024.4225
Fruits & vegetables	1	Aflatoxin	2024.3695
Herbs & spices	4	Aflatoxin B1	2024.3539; 2024.3544; 2024.3548; 2024.419
Non-alcoholic beverages	1	E 210 – benzoic acid too high content	2024.3943
Paraguay			
Nuts, nut products, & seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.4018
Peru			
Fruits & vegetables	2	Cadmium	2024.3516; 2024.4061
Republic of North Maced	donia		
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.3875
Rwanda			
Herbs & spices	1	Profenofos [U]	2024.355
Senegal			
		Chlorpyrifos	2024.3651
Fruits & vegetables	1	Ciliorpyrilos	2024.3031



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Category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Serbia			
Vater for human consumption (other)	1	Coliforms presence	2024.424
Other food product/mixed	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.3735
South Africa			
ruits & vegetables	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.3991
Syria			
Non-alcoholic peverages	1	Colour E 171 – titanium dioxide unauthorised use	2024.3988
ruits & vegetables	1	Sulphite undeclared	2024.3551
「hailand			
ruits & vegetables	1	Lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.3511
Fürkiye			
ruits & vegetables	1	Acetamiprid, etoxazole	2024.3607
	2	Aflatoxin B1	2024.3593; 2024.3887
	5	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.3537; 2024.3775; 2024.3869; 2024.3978; 2024.4199
	1	Buprofezin	2024.3957
	1	Chlorothalonil	2024.4016
	4	Chlorpyrifos-methyl [U]	2024.3608; 2024.3743; 2024.4187; 2024.3923
	1	Diflubenzuron	2024.3667
	2	Ochratoxin A	2024.3968; 2024.4083
	3	Prochloraz	2024.3759; 2024.4010; 2024.4076
Herbs & spices	1	Particles plastic	2024.3969
	2	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.3706; 2024.3964
	1	Salmonella Abony, Salmonella Montevideo	2024.4000
Nuts, products & seeds	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.4085
Other food product/mixed	1	Alternariol	2024.3812
Jganda			
ruits & vegetables	1	Clothianidin, lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.3845
luts, products & seeds	1	Salmonella	2024.3763
Herbs & spices	1	Lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.3553
	1	Omethoate	2024.3552
/ietnam			
Bivalve molluscs & products	1	Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	2024.3696
Crustaceans & products	1	Nitrofuran (metabolite), furazolidone (AOZ) [P]	2024.3519
ish & products	1	Leucomalachite green [P]	2024.3727
ruits & vegetables	1	Chlorfenapyr, dimethoate, hexaconazole [U], iprovalicarb [U], propiconazole	2024.3510
	1	Acephate [U], methamidophos [U]	2024.3731
	1	Azoxystrobin, procymidon, acephate [U], acetamiprid, buprofezin, carbendazim, chlorantraniliprole, chlorfluazuron [U], dimethomorph, dinotefuran, fenitrothion, fenpropathrin, fenvalerate, hexaconazole [U], imidacloprid, lambda-cyhalothrin, methamidophos [U]	2024.4185
Herbs & spices	1	Diafenthiuron [U], permethrin [U], profenofos [U]	2024.3562
	1	Chlorfenapyr	2024.4205
Other food	1	Chlorpyrifos [U], tolfenpyrad	2024.3946

Source : <u>iRASFF window</u>





Table 2 RASFF notifications for feed products in May 2024				
Category	Hazards*	Reference		
China				
Pet food	Labelling insufficient	2024.4154		
Türkiye				
Pet food	Salmonella Abony, Salmonella Kottbus	2024.3925		
Egypt				
Feed materials	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.3744		
* [U], unauthorised substance.				
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Source : <u>iRASFF window</u>



Table 3 RASFF notifications for food contact materials in May 2024			
Hazards* Reference			
Bangladesh			
Melamine migration	2024.3657		
China			
Melamine migration	2024.4172		
Lead migration	2024.4040		
Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.4035		
	2024.4027		
	2024.3955		
Lead high content	2024.3877		
Migration overall too high level	2024.3863		
	2024.3679		
Türkiye			
Aluminium migration, arsenic	2024.3999		
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Source: iRASFF window

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