RASFF notifications in November 2024

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34 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in November 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 November 2024:

- 176 notifications on food products
- 8 notifications on feed
- 3 notifications on food contact materials

originating from 34 AGRINFO partner countries.

November 2024 RASFF Notifications

Food products

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

Feed products

Eight notifications on feed entering the EU from Belarus, China, Moldova, Peru, Türkiye, and Ukraine (Table 2).

Food contact materials

Three 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 official controls on foods from certain countries – 2025 update.

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 November 2024

Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Albania			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.8842
	1	Formetanate	2024.8825
Argentina			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos-methyl [U]	2024.8841
Nuts, nut products, seeds	4	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxins	2024.8372; 2024.8338; 2024.8214; 2024.8151
Bosnia and Herzegovina			
Poultry meat and its products	1	*Salmonella* Enteritidis	2024.8375
Brazil			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Fenamidone	2024.8821
	1	Acephate [U], methamidophos [U]	2024.8119
Meat and its products (other than poultry)	1	Lead high content	2024.8204
Nuts, nut products, seeds	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8778; 2024.8158
Poultry meat and its products	3	*Salmonella*, *E. coli*	2024.8547; 2024.8451; 2024.8426
	1	*Salmonella*	2024.8447
Burkina Faso			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Profenofos [U]	2024.8251
Chad			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella*	2024.8325
China			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.8697
Cocoa & preparations, coffee, tea	1	Lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.8818
	1	Acetamiprid, chlorpyrifos [U], tolfenpyrad	2024.8152
Confectionery	1	E 407 – carrageenan unauthorised, suffocation risk consumption	2024.8762
Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	1	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons heavy	2024.8410
Food additives & flavourings	1	Ethylene oxide	2024.8766
	1	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.8517
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8831
Other food products/mixed	1	Colour E 171 – titanium dioxide unauthorised use	2024.8411
Colombia			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Permethrin [U]	2024.8259
	1	Cadmium	2024.8243
Ecuador			
Fish & fish products	1	Sulfite [H]	2024.8367
Egypt			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Bifenazate, matrine [U]	2024.8674
	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, boscalid, carbendazim [U], chlorpyrifos [U], clofentezine, difenoconazole, imidacloprid, lambda-cyhalothrin, lufenuron, propiconazole, thiacloprid, thiophanate-methyl	2024.8394
Nuts, nut products, seeds	7	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8779; 2024.8777; 2024.8768; 2024.8740; 2024.8739; 2024.8723; 2024.8133
Other food products/mixed	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, benomil/carbendazim, cypermethrin, dimethomorph, diniconazole, imidacloprid, lambda-cyhalothrin, thiophanate-methyl	2024.8862

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Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
India			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Mineral oil migration	2024.8863
	1	Bromoxynil	2024.8807
	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.8720
	1	Tricyclazole [U]	2024.8621
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.8616
	1	Thifluzamide [U]	2024.8261
Crustaceans and their products	1	*Vibrio cholerae*, *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*, *Vibrio vulnificus*	2024.8269
Fruits & vegetables	1	Hexaconazole [U], profenofos [U]	2024.8257
Herbs & spices	1	Chlorpyrifos, fipronil [U], profenofos [U]	2024.8837
	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.8316
Nuts, nut products, seeds	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8857; 2024.8832
	1	*Salmonella*	2024.8404
	1	Erucic acid too high level	2024.8123
Other food products/mixed	1	Fragments metal	2024.8255
Indonesia			
Fruits & vegetables	1	*Salmonella*	2024.8467
Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	1	Novel food unauthorised	2024.8432
Fats & oils	1	Glycidyl esters, mineral oil	2024.8172
Iran			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl, fenpropathrin, methomyl, thiodicarb	2024.8356
Nuts, nut products, seeds	4	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8812; 2024.8749; 2024.8516; 2024.8134
Kenya			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Acephate [U]	2024.8814
	1	Lufenuron	2024.8813
	1	Acetamiprid, carbendazim [U], chlorothalonil	2024.8809
Lebanon			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella*	2024.8836
Soups, broths, sauces, condiments	1	E 200 – sorbic acid unauthorised, E 210 – benzoic acid unauthorised	2024.8782
Malawi			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella*	2024.8544
Mali			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella*	2024.8627
Mexico			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.8525
Morocco			
Herbs & spices	1	Walnut undeclared	2024.8808
Fruits & vegetables	1	Lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.8660
Myanmar			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Thiamethoxam	2024.8844

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Nigeria			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	8	*Salmonella* sp.	2024.8669; 2024.8668; 2024.8492; 2024.8349; 2024.8291; 2024.8276; 2024.8275; 2024.8228
Pakistan			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.8835
	4	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8738; 2024.8726; 2024.8294; 2024.8272
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.8622
	1	Acetamiprid, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam	2024.8583
	2	Acetamiprid	2024.8561; 2024.8258
	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.8431
	1	Acetamiprid, imidacloprid	2024.8281
	1	Imidacloprid, thiamethoxam	2024.8263
	1	Flutriafol	2024.8189
	1	Imidacloprid, tebuconazole, thiamethoxam	2024.8137
Herbs & spices	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.8126
Other food products/mixed	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.8793
Paraguay			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8160
Serbia			
Cereals & bakery products	1	E220 – sulfur dioxide [H]	2024.8716
	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.8254
Fruits & vegetables	1	Norovirus	2024.8563
Syria			
Herbs & spices	1	Chlorpyrifos [U], clothianidin, thiamethoxam, tolfenpyrad, triazophos	2024.8194
Thailand			
Herbs & spices	1	Lead high content	2024.8555
Fruits & vegetables	1	Carbendazim, iprodione, lambda-cyhalothrin, pyraclostrobin	2024.8489
	1	Azoxystrobin, carbendazim [U], dimethomorph, omethoate, prochloraz, profenofos [U]	2024.8402

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Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Türkiye			
Confectionery	1	E 407 – carrageenan unauthorised	2024.8494
Fruits & vegetables	4	Acetamiprid	2024.8875; 2024.8496; 2024.8239; 2024.8218
	2	Acetamiprid, pyriproxyfen	2024.8436; 2024.8388
	5	Aflatoxins	2024.8461; 2024.8148; 2024.8315; 2024.8186; 2024.8185
	2	Aflatoxin B1	2024.8801; 2024.8470
	9	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8823; 2024.8679; 2024.8344; 2024.8187; 2024.8184; 2024.8183; 2024.8155; 2024.8115; 2024.8181
	2	Aflatoxin B1, ochratoxin A	2024.8458; 2024.8306
	3	Aflatoxin total, ochratoxin A	2024.8212; 2024.8208; 2024.8745
	3	Chlorpyrifos-methyl	2024.8843; 2024.8553; 2024.8678
	1	E220 – sulfur dioxide [H]	2024.8132
	1	Formetanate	2024.8224
	1	Indoxacarb	2024.8493
	1	Methomyl	2024.8113
	13	Ochratoxin A	2024.8748; 2024.8694; 2024.8676; 2024.8629; 2024.8462; 2024.8460; 2024.8457; 2024.8455; 2024.8453; 2024.8295; 2024.8293; 2024.8205; 2024.8193
	1	Phosmet [U], prochloraz	2024.8168
	1	Profenofos [U], triazophos	2024.8799
Herbs & spices	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.8775
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total, tenuazonic acid	2024.8806
	1	Opium alkaloids [H]	2024.8673
	7	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8481; 2024.8421; 2024.8397; 2024.8289; 2024.8245; 2024.8223; 2024.8135
Other food products/mixed	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8369
Ukraine			
Fruits & vegetables	1	E 210 – benzoic acid [H]	2024.8867
Poultry meat and its products	1	*Salmonella infantis*	2024.8612
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.8603
	1	Bifenazate, chlorpyrifos, flutriafol	2024.8442
Uzbekistan			
Fruits & vegetables	1	E220 – sulfur dioxide undeclared	2024.8672
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Cyanide [H]	2024.8665
Venezuela			
Crustaceans and their products	1	Sulfite [H]	2024.8120
Vietnam			
Crustaceans and their products	1	Tetracycline residue level above maximum residue level (MRL)	2024.8485

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

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Table 2 RASFF notifications for feed products in November 2024		
Country/category	Hazards	Reference
Belarus		
Feed materials (2)	*Salmonella*	2024.8747; 2024.8200
China		
Pet food	Protein poultry	2024.8784
	Enterobacteriaceae	2024.8154
Moldova		
Feed materials	*Salmonella*	2024.8141
Peru		
Feed materials	Cadmium	2024.8139
Türkiye		
Pet food	Enterobacteriaceae high count	2024.8529
Ukraine		
Feed materials	*Salmonella* Djugu	2024.8256
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Table 3 RASFF notifications for food contact materials in November 2024	
Country/hazard	Reference
China	
Volatile organic compounds	2024.8456
Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.8407
Melamine migration	2024.8374
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