RASFF notifications in October 2024

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38 AGRINFO partner countries received RASFF notifications in October 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 October 2024:

- three notifications on feed
- six notifications on food contact materials
- 204 notifications on food products

originating from 38 AGRINFO partner countries.

October 2024 RASFF notifications

Food products

204 notifications on food products originating from 38 AGRINFO partner countries (Table 1).

Feed products

Three notifications on feed entering the EU from Argentina, Brazil, and Ecuador (Table 2).

Food contact materials

Six 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. 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 foods from certain countries.

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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Table 1
RASFF notifications for food in October 2024

Category	No. of alerts	Hazards	Reference
Afghanistan			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.7804
	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.7404
	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.7342
Albania			
Fish and fish products	1	Histamine	2024.7419
Argentina			
Fish and fish products	1	Total volatile basic nitrogen too high content	2024.7361
Nuts, nut products and seeds	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.7317; 2024.7254
Bangladesh			
Herbs and spices	1	Carbaryl, chlorpyriphos-ethyl, fipronil unauthorised substance, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.7631
Other food product / mixed	1	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.7429
Bolivia			
Cereals and bakery products	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.7585
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.7223
Bosnia and Herzegovina			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Cadmium	2024.7965
Brazil			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.7567
Poultry meat and poultry meat products	1	*Salmonella enteritidis*	2024.7387
Bulgaria			
Other food product / mixed	2	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.7371; 2024.7346
	1	Glycidyl esters	2024.7350
Cambodia			
Cereals and bakery products	1	Thiamethoxam, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.7464
Cameroon			
Herbs and spices	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.7337
Chad			
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	*Salmonella*	2024.7398

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China			
Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.8010
	1	Dinotefuran unauthorised substance, lambda-cyhalothrin, tolfenpyrad	2024.7813
	1	Difenoconazole, dinotefuran unauthorised substance, pyraclostrobin	2024.7800
	1	Diafenthiuron unauthorised substance	2024.7358
Confectionery	1	E 407 - carrageenan unauthorised, E 410 - locust bean gum unauthorised, E 415 - xanthan gum unauthorised, suffocation risk consumption	2024.7841
	1	Colour E 171 - titanium dioxide unauthorised use	2024.7432
Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	1	Sildenafil, tadalafil unauthorised substance	2024.7390
	1	Sildenafil, tadalafil unauthorised substance	2024.7388
Fish and fish products	1	Arsenic	2024.7310
Fruits and vegetables	1	Propoxur unauthorised substance, tetramethrin unauthorised	2024.7609
	1	E220 - sulfur dioxide undeclared	2024.7325
	1	E220 - sulfur dioxide too high content	2024.7251
Herbs and spices	1	Anthraquinone, chlorpyrifos	2024.8083
	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.7664
	1	Benzo(a)pyrene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons sum of	2024.7571
	1	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons sum of	2024.7527
Nuts, nut products and seeds	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxins	2024.7866; 2024.7377
Other food product / mixed	1	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons heavy	2024.7736
Prepared dishes and snacks	1	Glycidyl esters	2024.8106
Colombia			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Carbendazim	2024.7949
	1	Cadmium	2024.7498
Ecuador			
Crustaceans and products thereof	1	Sulphite too high content	2024.7284
Cephalopods and products thereof	1	Cadmium	2024.7277

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Egypt			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Cyfluthrin, dimethoate, lufenuron, omethoate	2024.7986
	1	Cyfluthrin, imidacloprid, methomyl	2024.7932
	1	Carbendazim unauthorised substance, haloxyfop unauthorised substance	2024.7538
	1	Acetamiprid, boscalid, cypermethrin, imidacloprid, penconazole	2024.7357
	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.7287
Herbs and spices	1	*Salmonella*	2024.7354
	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.7596
Nuts, nut products and seeds	11	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8105; 2024.8100; 2024.8099; 2024.8093; 2024.8089; 2024.8079; 2024.8078; 2024.8068; 2024.8067; 2024.8058; 2024.8054
	1	*Salmonella* group E	2024.7802
India			
Cereals and bakery products	2	Ochratoxin A	2024.8044; 2024.7973
	1	Thifluzamide unauthorised substance	2024.7754
	1	3-monochlor-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.7677
	1	Propiconazole, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.7490
	2	Thiamethoxam, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.7382; 2024.7345
	1	Tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.7376
Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	3	Ethylene oxide	2024.7817; 2024.7638; 2024.7601
	1	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.7327
	1	Lead, mercury	2024.7256
Fruits and vegetables	2	Chlorpyrifos	2024.7883; 2024.7303
	1	Acephate unauthorised substance, methamidophos unauthorised substance	2024.7831
Herbs and spices	1	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.7859
	1	Acetamiprid, benomil/carbendazim, chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, clothianidin, thiamethoxam, tolfenpyrad, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.7835
	1	Chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.7794
	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, carbendazim unauthorised substance, chlorpyriphos-ethyl, clothianidin, hexaconazole unauthorised substance,iprobenfos unauthorised substance, kresoxim-methyl, picoxystrobin unauthorised substance, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole unauthorised substance	2024.7362
Nuts, nut products and seeds	2	*Salmonella*	2024.7828; 2024.7499
Other food product / mixed	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.7843

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Indonesia			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Cypermethrin, difenoconazole	2024.8018
Herbs and spices	1	*Bacillus cereus*	2024.7684
	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.7326
Iran			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, fenvalerate	2024.7760
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxins	2024.7557
Kazakhstan			
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	Erucic acid too high content	2024.8035
Kenya			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorothalonil	2024.7769
	1	Hexaconazole unauthorised substance	2024.7363
Madagascar			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.7755
Mexico			
Non-alcoholic beverages	1	E 210 - benzoic acid too high content, brominated vegetable oil (BVO) unauthorised food additive	2024.7854
Morocco			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Cadmium	2024.7447
Nigeria			
Nuts, nut products and seeds	2	*Salmonella*	2024.7766; 2024.7724
	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.7605
Pakistan			
Cereals and bakery products	1	Imidacloprid	2024.8022
	1	Thiamethoxam	2024.7948
	1	Aflatoxin B1, ochratoxin A	2024.7749
	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.7606
	1	Mineral oil	2024.7513
	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.7411
	1	Thiamethoxam	2024.7375
	2	Imidacloprid, thiamethoxam	2024.7373; 2024.7372
	1	Acetamiprid, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam	2024.7341
	1	Imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, triazophos	2024.7312
Herbs and spices	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.7954
Peru			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Tebufenpyrad	2024.8039
Cereals and bakery products	1	Aflatoxin B1	2024.7979
Other food product / mixed	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.7356
Philippines			
Cereals and bakery products	1	Colour E 102 - tartrazine unauthorised use	2024.7756

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North Macedonia			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.7465
Senegal			
Herbs and spices	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.7874
Fish and fish products	1	Mercury	2024.7416
Serbia			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.7402
South Africa			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Azoxystrobin, prochloraz	2024.7895
Sri Lanka			
Fish and fish products	1	Histamine	2024.8082
Tanzania			
Nuts, nut products and seeds	1	*Salmonella*	2024.7494
Thailand			
Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	3	Sildenafil	2024.7976; 2024.7452; 2024.7449
Fruits and vegetables	1	Mineral oil	2024.8087
	1	Alpha-cypermethrin, propiconazole	2024.7738
	1	E 220 - sulfur dioxide too high content	2024.7385

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Türkiye			
Confectionery	1	*Salmonella* Colindale	2024.7889
Fruits and vegetables	19	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8064; 2024.7987; 2024.7959; 2024.7878; 2024.7851; 2024.7849; 2024.7848; 2024.7847; 2024.7846; 2024.7844; 2024.7842; 2024.7734; 2024.7732; 2024.7723; 2024.7700; 2024.7457; 2024.7438; 2024.7431; 2024.7334
	9	Ochratoxin A	2024.7961; 2024.7924; 2024.7921; 2024.7719; 2024.7720; 2024.7718; 2024.7639; 2024.7491; 2024.7424
	4	Aflatoxins	2024.7956; 2024.7926; 2024.7515; 2024.7435
	1	Diflubenzuron	2024.7936
	1	Chlorpyrifos-methyl unauthorised substance	2024.7913
	1	Colour E 171 - titanium dioxide unauthorised use	2024.7875
	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance, indoxacarb	2024.7870
	4	Acetamiprid	2024.7807; 2024.7634; 2024.7364; 2024.7301
	1	Diflubenzuron	2024.7795
	4	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total, ochratoxin A	2024.7735;2024.7722;2024.7721; 2024.7717
	1	Indoxacarb	2024.7686
	1	E220 - sulfur dioxide too high content	2024.7670
	3	Acetamiprid, pyriproxyfen	2024.7612; 2024.7608; 2024.7573
	1	Cadmium, chlorpyrifos	2024.7526
	1	Fosthiazate	2024.7441
	1	Chlorpyrifos-methyl unauthorised substance	2024.7369
	1	Fenpropathrin, lambda-cyhalothrin, pyriproxyfen	2024.7294
	1	Chlorpyrifos-methyl	2024.7250
Herbs and spices	4	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.7914; 2024.7576; 2024.7479; 2024.7259
Nuts, nut products and seeds	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.8085; 2024.7578

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Ukraine			
Poultry meat and poultry meat products	1	*Salmonella* Coeln	2024.7937
	1	Toltrazuril residue level above MRL	2024.7868
	1	*Salmonella* Liverpool, *Salmonella* Senftenberg	2024.7819
	1	*Salmonella infantis*	2024.7374
Fish and fish products	1	*Listeria monocytogenes*	2024.7248
Crustaceans and products thereof	1	*Listeria monocytogenes*	2024.7233
Uzbekistan			
Fruits and vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos unauthorised substance	2024.7418
Vietnam			
Prepared dishes and snacks	1	Sulphite unauthorised	2024.8096
Bivalve molluscs and products thereof	1	Egg undeclared	2024.7761
Fish and fish products	1	Leucocrystal violet unauthorised substance	2024.7565
Crustaceans and products thereof	1	Doxycycline residue level above MRL, sulfamethoxazole unauthorised, tetracycline residue level above MRL	2024.7553
Cephalopods and products thereof	1	Oxytetracycline residue level above MRL	2024.7510
Herbs and spices	1	Sulphur unauthorised substance	2024.7470

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Table 2
RASFF notifications for feed products in October 2024

Category	Hazards	Reference
Argentina		
Feed materials	*Salmonella*	2024.7235
Brazil		
Feed materials	*Salmonella typhimurium*	2024.7890
Ecuador		
Feed materials	Chlorpyrifos	2024.7888

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Table 3 RASFF notifications for food contact materials in October 2024	
Country/hazard	References
China	
Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.8088; 2024.8041; 2024.7836; 2024.7710; 2024.7307
Migration colour	2024.7274
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