RASFF notifications in September 2024

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

- 104 notifications on food products
- 12 notifications on feed
- 10 notifications on food contact materials

originating from 34 AGRINFO partner countries.

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Food products

One hundred and four notifications on food products originating from 31 AGRINFO partner countries (Table 1).

Feed products

Twelve notifications on feed entering the EU from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Philippines, Türkiye, and Ukraine (Table 2).

Food contact materials

Ten notifications on food contact materials originating from Afghanistan, China, India, and Serbia (Table 3).

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

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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 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).

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For further information see Official Controls Regulation – explained.

Sources

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
RASFF notifications for food in September 2024

Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Afghanistan			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.6682
Argentina			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.7116; 2024.6770
Bangladesh			
Prepared dishes & snacks	1	3-monochlor-1, 2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.6632
Bosnia and Herzegovina			
Prepared dishes & snacks	1	Cadmium	2024.6595
Brazil			
Meat & meat products (other than poultry)	1	*Escherichia coli* shigatoxin-producing	2024.7034
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorfenapyr, chlorpyriphos-ethyl	2024.6731
Cambodia			
Herbs & spices	1	Dimethoate, permethrin [U]	2024.6686
China			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.6746
	1	Genetically modified unauthorised	2024.6689
Cocoa & cocoa preparations, coffee & tea	1	Hexazinone [U]	2024.7067
	1	Chlorpyrifos, lambda-cyhalothrin	2024.6589
Food additives & flavourings	1	Ethylene oxide	2024.7025
Fruits & vegetables	1	Carbendazim, clothianidin, prochloraz	2024.7071
	1	E220 – sulfur dioxide [H]	2024.7001
	1	Chlorpyrifos, clothianidin, cyromazine, emamectin, flonicamid, imidacloprid, mepiquat	2024.6973
	1	Chlorfenapyr [U], procymidone	2024.6716
	1	Triadimefon, triadimenol	2024.6601
Herbs & spices	1	Benzo(a)pyrene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons sum of	2024.7219
	1	*Salmonella*	2024.6663
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin total	2024.6949
Soups, broths, sauces, condiments	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.6886
Colombia			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Difenoconazole	2024.6989
Cereals & bakery products	1	Aflatoxins B1, aflatoxin total	2024.6638
Côte d'Ivoire			
Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	1	Sildenafil [U]	2024.6932
Ecuador			
Crustaceans & their products	2	*Vibrio cholerae*, *Vibrio parahaemolyticus*	2024.6996; 2024.6825
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.6982
Fish & fish products	1	*Vibrio vulnificus*	2024.6843
	1	Mercury	2024.6690
Fats & oils	1	Mineral oil	2024.6764
Egypt			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Sulphite [H]	2024.6861

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Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Georgia			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.6607
Ghana			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.6715
Fats & oils	1	Mineral oil	2024.6658
Guinea			
Fats & oils	1	Mineral oil	2024.6656
India			
Cereals & bakery products	1	Tricyclazole [U]	2024.7190
	1	Thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.7093
	1	Thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.6622
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella*	2024.6961
Herbs & spices	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, carbendazim [U], chlorpyriphos-ethyl, clothianidin, dinotefuran [U], famoxadone, fenpropathrin, fipronil [U], hexaconazole [U], isoprothiolane [U], kresoxim-methyl, picoxystrobin [U], propiconazole, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U], trifloxystrobin	2024.6854
	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.6853
	1	Azoxystrobin, acetamiprid, carbendazim [U], chlorpyriphos-ethyl, clothianidin, cypermethrin, flonicamid, hexaconazole [U], kresoxim-methyl, picoxystrobin [U], pyraclostrobin, thiamethoxam, tricyclazole [U]	2024.6767
	1	Acetamiprid, chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.6709
Fish & fish products	1	Cadmium	2024.6736
Indonesia			
Herbs & spices	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.7196
Fish & fish products	1	Histamine	2024.6859
Iran			
Herbs & spices	1	Chlorpyrifos [U]	2024.7055
Fruits & vegetables	1	E220 – sulfur dioxide [H]	2024.7053
Nuts, nut products, seeds	2	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.6937; 2024.6912
Lebanon			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	*Salmonella* Muenster	2024.6784
Nicaragua			
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.7035
Nigeria			
Fats & oils	1	Mineral oil	2024.6818
Prepared dishes & snacks	1	3-monochlor-1, 2-propanediol (3-MCPD), glycidyl esters	2024.6650
North Macedonia			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Formetanate	2024.6856
Pakistan			
Herbs & spices	1	2-chloroethanol	2024.7092
Cereals & bakery products	1	Acetamiprid	2024.7029
	1	Carbendazim, thiamethoxam	2024.6820
	1	Ochratoxin A	2024.6707

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Country/category	No. of alerts	Hazards*	Reference
Peru			
Fruits & vegetables	1	Chlorate [U]	2024.7165
	1	Cadmium	2024.6805
	1	Perchlorate	2024.6661
Herbs & spices	1	Griseofulvin [U]	2024.6775
Senegal			
Crustaceans & their products	1	Cadmium	2024.7115
Fish & fish products	1	Mercury	2024.6604
South Africa			
Other food product/ mixed	1	Cetrimonium chloride	2024.6688
Sri Lanka			
Fish & fish products	2	Histamine	2024.6713; 2024.6705
Syria			
Herbs & spices	1	Carbendazim, chlorpyrifos	2024.6952
Tunisia			
Fish & fish products	1	Mercury	2024.6637
Türkiye			
Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods	1	Sildenafil [U], tadalafil [U]	2024.7027
	1	Sildenafil	2024.6972
Fruits & vegetables	2	Ochratoxin A	2024.6893; 2024.7084
	1	Formetanate	2024.7201
	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.7168
	1	Phosmet [U], pyriproxyfen	2024.7122
	2	Indoxacarb	2024.7108; 2024.6928
	1	Cypermethrin, tebuconazole	2024.7083
	1	Chlorpyrifos-methyl	2024.7049
	2	Permethrin [U]	2024.6951; 2024.6950
	1	Acetamiprid, cypermethrin, malathion, pyraclostrobin	2024.6868
	1	Acetamiprid	2024.6801
Herbs & spices	5	Pyrrolizidine alkaloids	2024.7213; 2024.7105; 2024.6911; 2024.6738; 2024.6675
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin total	2024.7158
Other food product/ mixed	1	Lead [H]	2024.7098
Ukraine			
Herbs & spices	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.6732
	1	Acetamiprid, epoxiconazole [U]	2024.6600
Vietnam			
Bivalve molluscs & their products	1	Perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)	2024.6598
Confectionery	1	Suffocation risk consumption	2024.6833
Fish & fish products	1	Leucomalachite green prohibited substance	2024.6532
Fruits & vegetables	1	Dimethomorph, dithiocarbamates	2024.7013
	1	Acetamiprid, buprofezin, chlorfenapyr, dithiocarbamates, hexythiazox, profenofos [U]	2024.6646
Herbs & spices	2	Lead	2024.7182; 2024.7157
	1	Chlorpyrifos	2024.6590
Meat & meat products (other than poultry)	1	*Salmonella*	2024.7204
Nuts, nut products, seeds	1	Particles of glass	2024.6623

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

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Table 2 RASFF notifications for feed products in September 2024		
Country/category	Hazards	Reference
Argentina		
Feed materials	*Salmonella* group B	2024.7085
Brazil		
Feed materials	*Salmonella infantis*	2024.6948
Mexico		
Feed materials	*Salmonella* Montevideo, ethoxyquin unauthorised feed additive	2024.6683
Türkiye		
Pet food	*Salmonella* Brancaster, *Salmonella* Montevideo, *Salmonella anatum*	2024.6812
Feed materials	*Salmonella* spp.	2024.6621
Philippines		
Feed materials	*Salmonella*	2024.7075
Ukraine		
Feed materials	Anthraquinone, clothianidin, epoxiconazole unauthorised substance	2024.7110
	Salmonella Senftenberg	2024.6927
	Salmonella Senftenberg	2024.6924
	Salmonella Senftenberg	2024.6910
	Salmonella spp.	2024.6790
	Salmonella spp.	2024.6789
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Table 3 RASFF notifications for food contact materials in September 2024	
Country/hazard	Reference
Afghanistan	
Aluminium increasing migration, lead migration	2024.7178
China	
Primary aromatic amines migration	2024.7160; 2024.6605
Arsenic migration	2024.6962
Cadmium migration	2024.6804
Cobalt migration, lead migration	2024.6766
Aluminium migration	2024.6758
Lead too high content	2024.6737
India	
Bisphenol A	2024.7026
Serbia	
Cadmium migration, lead migration	2024.6875
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