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# NEWS LETTER

## Dear Safefood-Online users,

There were 366 RASFF notifications in February. The number of new RASFF notifications is at the same level as last month. You will find the evaluation under point 1 of this newsletter.

“News on residues and contaminants” is providing information on 4 regulations on new or amended maximum levels of pesticide residues in food (point 2).

News on the topics of food safety and food fraud can be found under point 3 and 4.

### Current EU novel food approvals:

The European Union (EU) has authorized the placing on the market of two new novel foods:

- Powder of *Tenebrio molitor* larvae ([Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/89 of January 20, 2025](#))
- Plants of *Lemna minor* and *Lemna gibba* ([Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/153 of January 29, 2025](#))
- It has also extended the use of the novel food iso-malto-oligosaccharide (IMO) to a wider range of products ([Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2025/97 of January 21, 2025](#))

These novel foods may be placed on the market from the following dates:

- UV-treated powder from whole larvae of *Tenebrio molitor*: February 10, 2025
- *Lemna minor* and *Lemna gibba* plants: February 19, 2025
- IMO for all newly approved uses: February 19, 2025.

We hope that also this issue of the Safefood-Online Newsletter is interesting for you and we are of course looking forward to your opinion.

Your Safefood-Online Team

## 1. Notifications in Safefood-Online: February 2025

The number of new RASFF notifications has changed only slightly compared to January 2025 has changed only slightly:

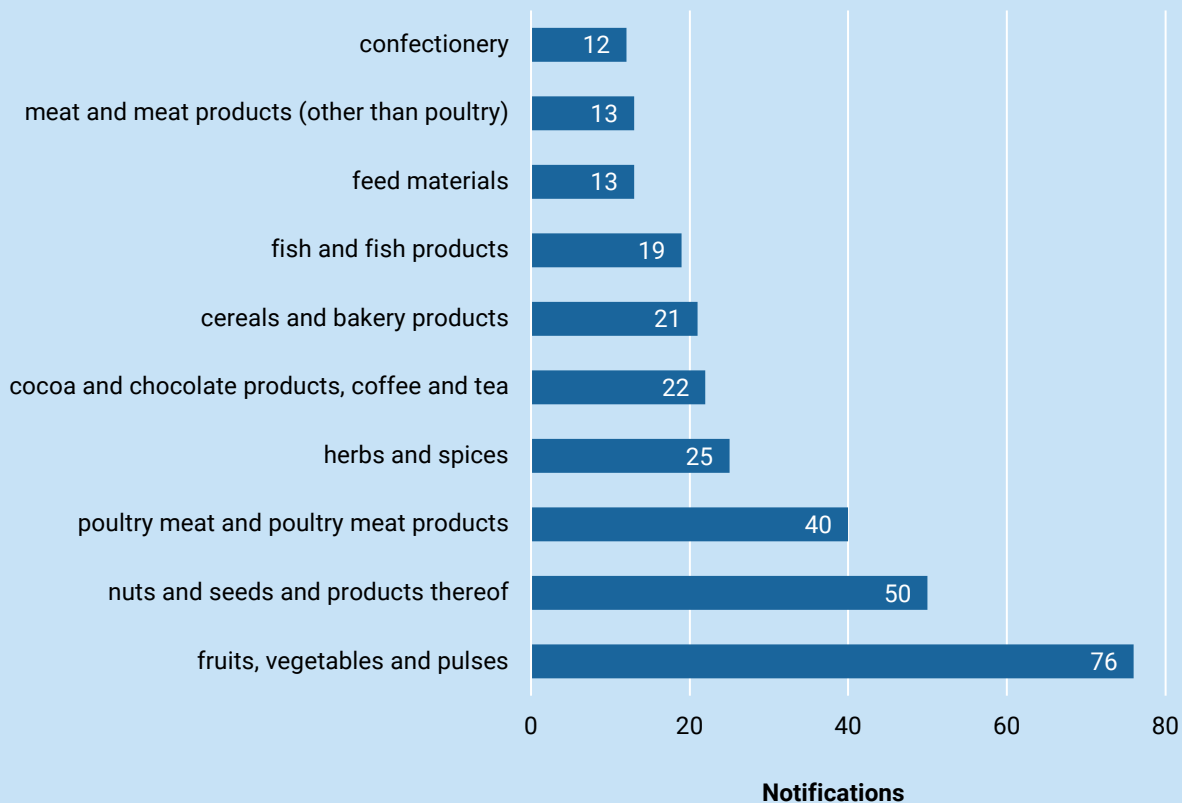
- **February 2025:** 366
- January 2025: 361
- December 2024: 395

The RASFF-notifications are divided as follows:

- Alert notifications: 107
- Border rejections: 100
- Information messages: 157
- Non-compliance notification 2

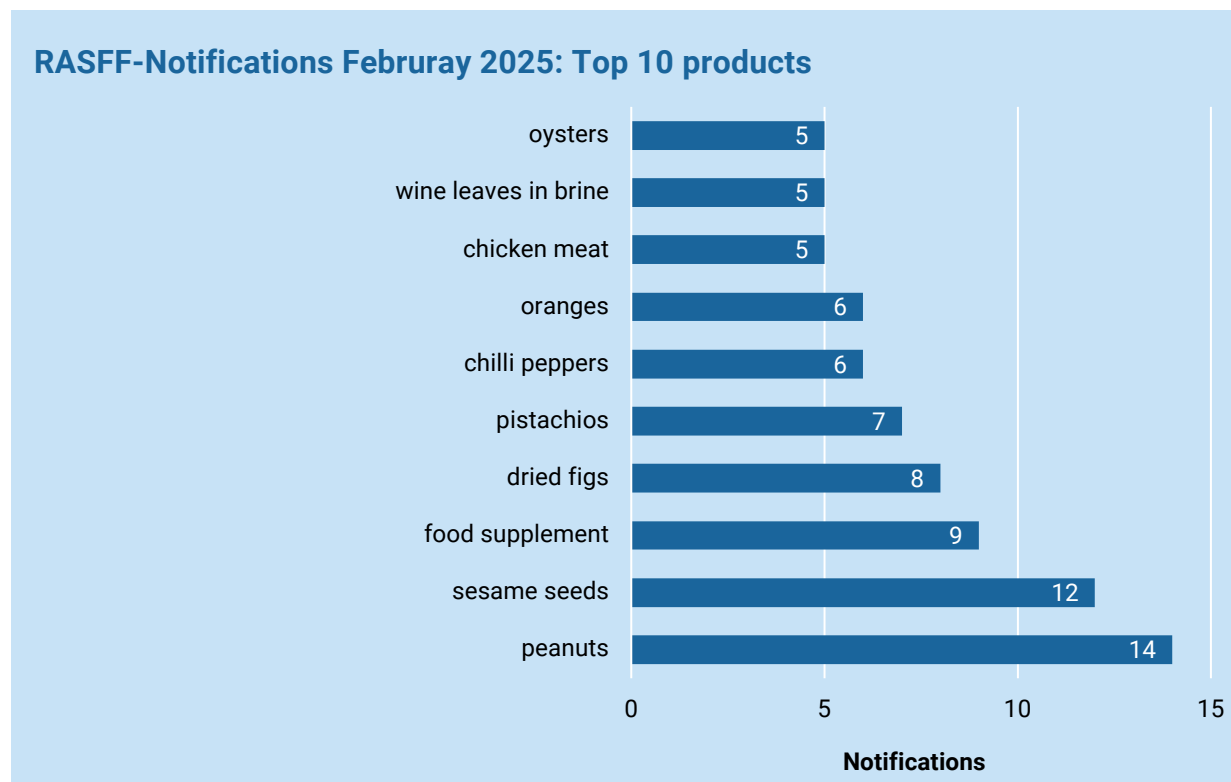
In February 2025, the product category fruit, vegetables and pulses was in first place with 76 notifications. 48 notifications concerned pesticide residues and 12 notifications were due to mycotoxin findings. The product category nuts, seeds and products thereof followed in second place with 50 notifications. 31 notifications were due to mycotoxins and 11 notifications were due to pathogenic micro-organisms. The product category poultry meat and poultry meat products is in third place with 40 notifications, 34 notifications were caused by pathogenic micro-organisms:

### RASFF-Notifications February 2025: Top 10 product categories

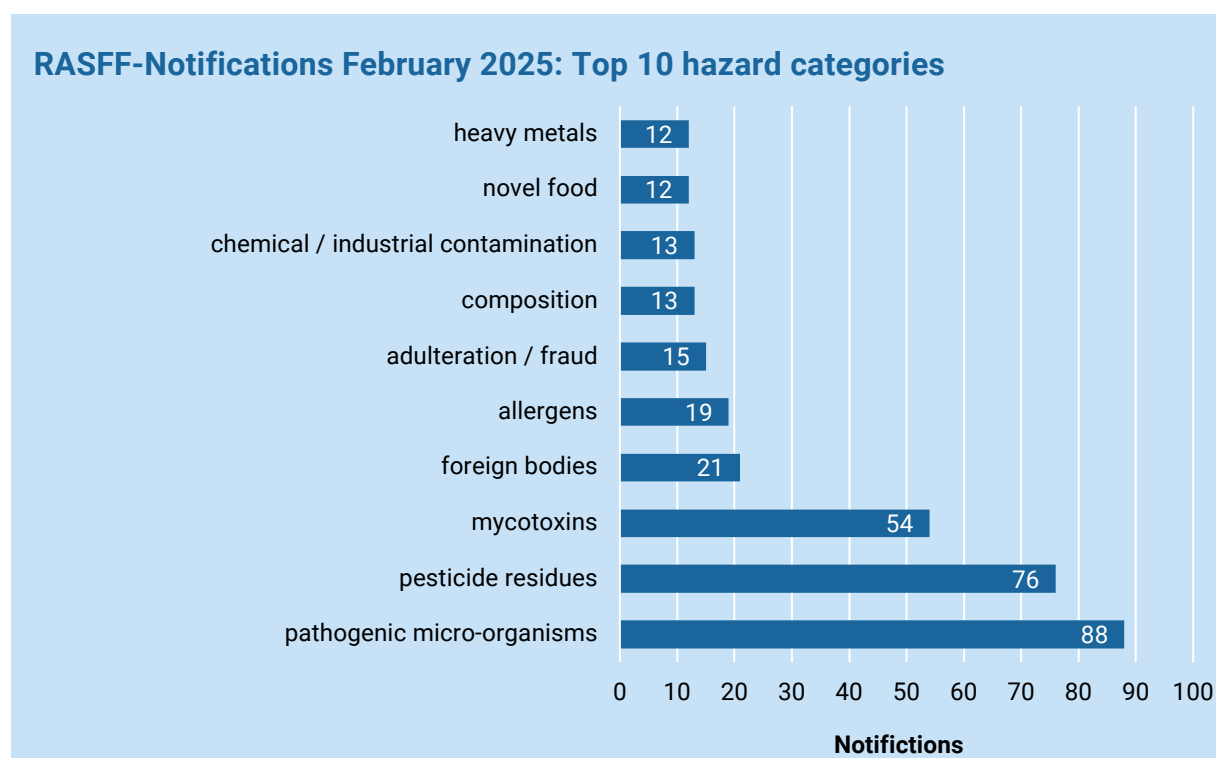


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In the evaluation according to products, peanuts ranked first in February with 14 notifications, followed by sesame seeds and food supplements with 12 and 9 notifications:

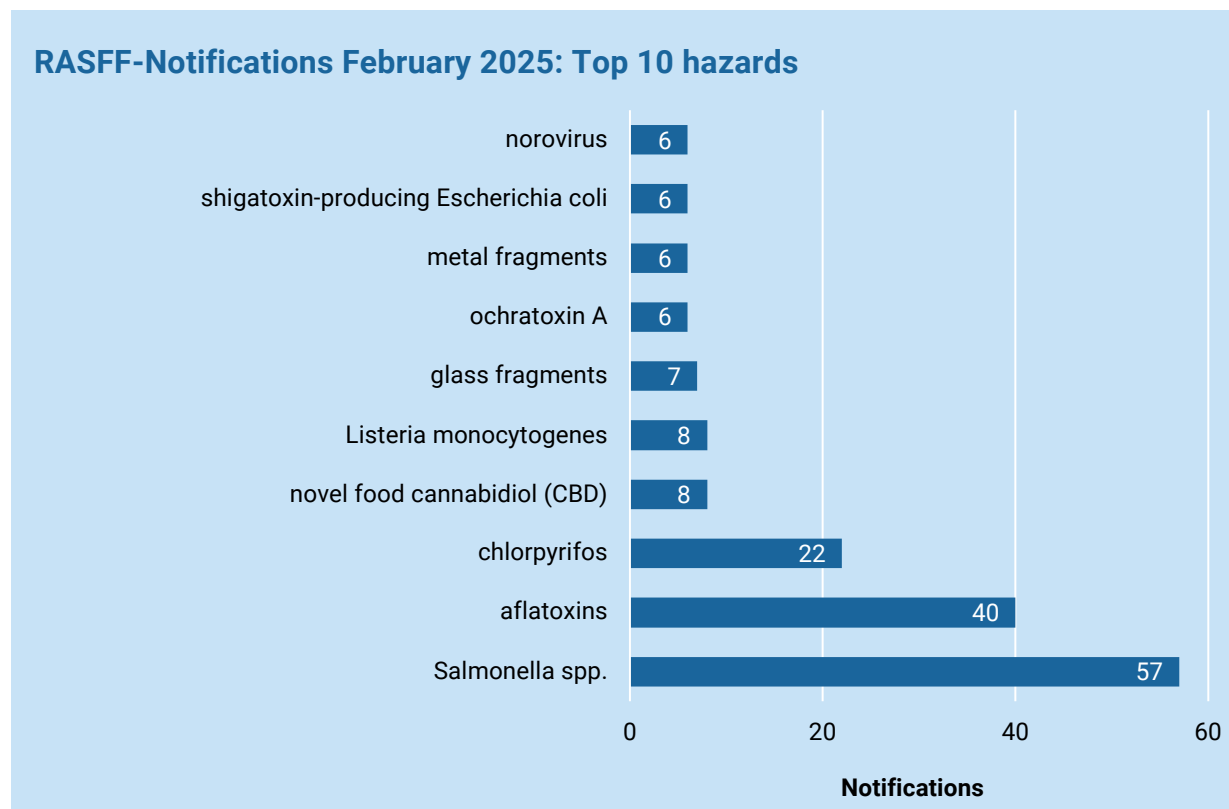


In February, pathogenic micro-organisms were at the top of the list with 88 notifications regarding hazard categories. Next came pesticide residues with 76 notifications (as in January, 22 notifications concerned chlorpyrifos) and mycotoxins with 54 notifications:

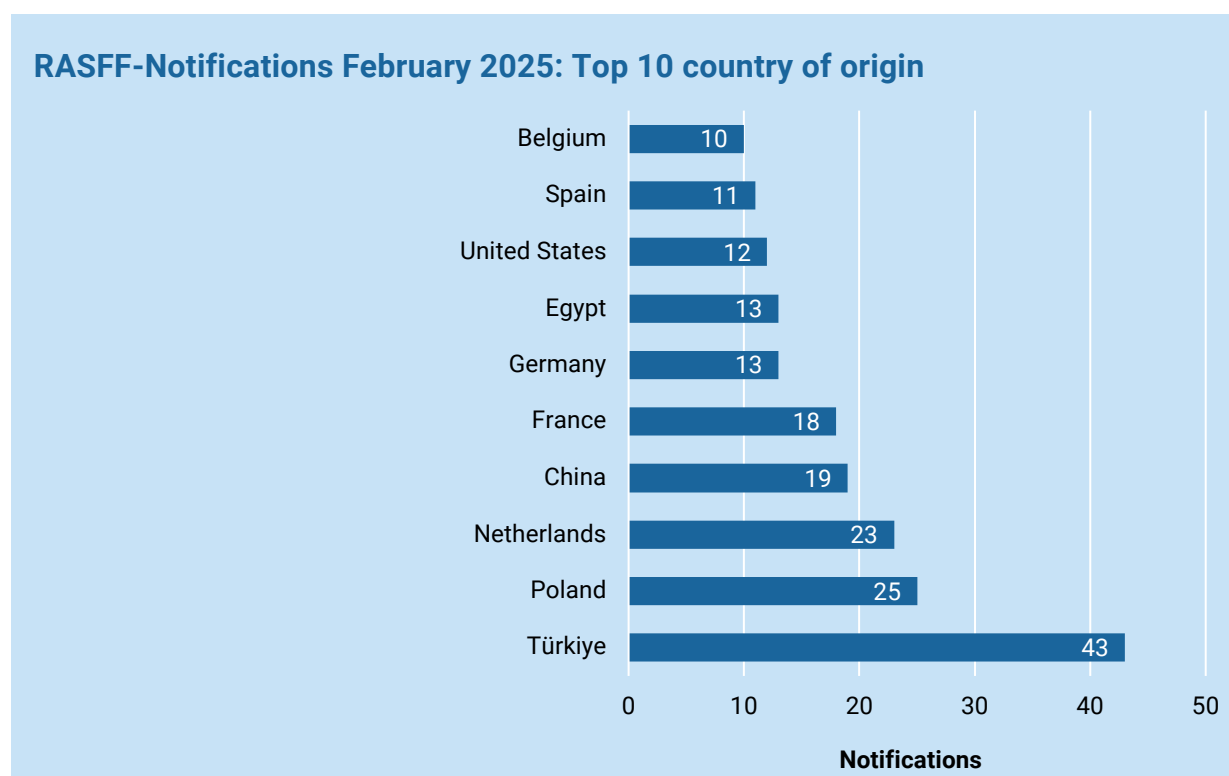


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In terms of hazards, Salmonella is in first place with 57 notifications, followed by aflatoxins and chlorpyrifos with 40 and 22 notifications:



Finally, the evaluation of the notifications according to the country of origin of the products:



Türkiye is in first place with 43 notifications, followed by Poland and the Netherlands with 25 and 23 notifications.

## 2. Update on pesticides and contaminants



### Regulation (EU) 2025/115

**Regulation (EU) 2025/115** of January 21, 2025 amended Annexes II and III of Regulation (EC) 396/2005 with regard to the maximum levels of:

- Fluxapyroxad
- Lambda-cyhalothrin
- Metalaxyl
- Nicotine

in or on certain products. For further information, please refer to the linked text of the regulation.

### Regulation (EU) 2025/146

**Regulation (EU) 2025/146** of January 29, 2025 amended Annexes II and III of Regulation (EC) 396/2005 with regard to the maximum content of:

- Zoxamid

in or on certain products have been amended. For further information, please refer to the linked text of the regulation.

### Regulation (EU) 2025/158

**Regulation (EU) 2025/158** of January 29, 2025 amended Annex II of Regulation (EC) 396/2005 with regard to the maximum level of:

- Acetamiprid

in or on certain products. For further information, please refer to the linked text of the regulation.

### Regulation (EU) 2025/195

**Regulation (EU) 2025/195** of February 3, 2025 amended Annex II of Regulation (EC) 396/2005 with regard to the maximum levels of:

- Fenbuconazole
- penconazole
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in or on certain products. For further information, please refer to the linked text of the regulation.



## Food Safety

- 🕒 German BfR: BfR MEAL study: no vanadium was detected in most foods
- 🕒 EFSA: Novel foods Risk Assessment Data Modelling and Extraction (NORA) – final report
- 🕒 Report of the Scientific Committee of the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) on the risk assessment of botulism resulting from the consumption of vacuum-packed or modified atmosphere-packed foods
- 🕒 Report of the Scientific Committee of the Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (AESAN) on the relationship between climate change and food security, and its impact on the nutritional status of the population
- 🕒 US: Firing of thousands of health agency employees will undermine food safety
- 🕒 German BfR: ESBL- and AmpC-producing bacteria: Antibiotic-resistant bacteria and how to prevent their spread
- 🕒 EFSA: New advice and app to manage process water for fruit, vegetables and herbs
- 🕒 EFSA: Impact of the use of azole fungicides, other than as human medicines, on the development of azole-resistant *Aspergillus* spp.
- 🕒 EFSA: Report for 2023 on the results from the monitoring of residues of veterinary medicinal products in live animals and animal products
- 🕒 EU: Activity Report 2024 of the EU WTO Sanitary and Phytosanitary Notification Authority & Enquiry Point
- 🕒 German BfR: Foot-and-mouth disease - No health risk expected when consuming pasteurised milk and dairy produce





## Food Fraud

- 🕒 Olive oil and caterers subject to controls in Czech Republic
- 🕒 Portugal: The Food and Economic Safety Authority (ASAE) has announced the seizure of around 1,500 litres of cooking oil, as part of an operation to combat food fraud which resulted in the indictment of a defendant.
- 🕒 New food fraud tech from Belfast-based Bia Analytical set to transform herb and spice authentication
- 🕒 Algerian Authorities Uncover Illegal Slaughterhouse
- 🕒 Toxic mandarins illegally resold in Albania after pesticide rejection
- 🕒 January 2025 Report On EU Agri-food fraud suspicions
- 🕒 FFRAUD-ER: Development of a computational model for identifying Food Fraud incidents as drivers for Food Safety Emerging Risks

## SafeFood-Online update

We are constantly working to improve SafeFood-Online. We have currently introduced an additional selection option in the "SEARCH" module:

It is now possible to individually define which notifications should be taken into account in the "Search" module: RASFF notifications or Agri-Food Fraud (AFF) notifications or notifications from the Monthly Food Fraud Summary Reports (JRC):

Search (AND) ⓘ

Search (OR) ⓘ

Exclude ⓘ

Add selection: Hazard Country of Origin Article

Period: 01.01.2003 to 27.02.2025

Product category: All selected

Hazard category: All selected

☐ Evaluation together with own data  
☐ Only **own** Data analysis

☒ RASFF reports  
☒ AFF reports  
☒ JRC reports

☒ Food  
☒ Feed  
☒ Food Contact Materials

☒ Search in all fields  
☐ Search only in article

In the modules HACCP Export, Food Fraud Analysis and Test Plan Plan, you can now specify which article categories are to be included in the evaluation. This selection is available if the (article) groups contain articles from different categories (food, food contact materials and/ or feed):

Selected articles for Food Fraud Export 3 Add article

☐ sesame seeds  
☐ wheat bran (Feed)  
☐ plastic sheet PVC

**Selection**  
☒ Food ☒ Food Contact Materials ☒ Feed

**Export**  
 01.01.1979 - 27.02.2025  
 Leave it empty without limitation

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