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NEWS LETTER

Dear Safefood-Online users,

In June we had 431 new RASFF-notifications. The evaluation can be found under point 1.

Under "News on residues and contaminants" (point 2) we provide information on new or amended maximum residue levels of pesticide residues and on maximum residue levels for ketoprofen.

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

The topic of the month (item 4) is the annual report 2024 of the Alert & Co-operation Network (ACN).

Directorate-General for Health & Food Safety (DG SANTE): Annual Activity Report 2024



Source: European Commission

DG SANTE presented the [activity report for 2024](#). Important projects in the area of food and feed safety were

- More animal disease-free areas: +27% certified areas
- Refusing renewal of authorisation for 8 smoke flavourings due to health risks
- 143 controls on compliance to EU rules on food safety
- Digitalisation: expansion of the animal disease information system

Further details on the projects of DG SANTE can be found in the [annex](#) to the activity report.

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

Your Safefood-Online Team

- New hygiene standards, e.g. for meat aging, limits for listeria monocytogenes in ready-to-eat foods

1. RASFF-Notifications in Safefood-Online: June 2025

Compared to May, the number of new RASFF notifications slightly increased:

▪ June 2025:	431
▪ May 2025:	392
▪ April 2025:	421

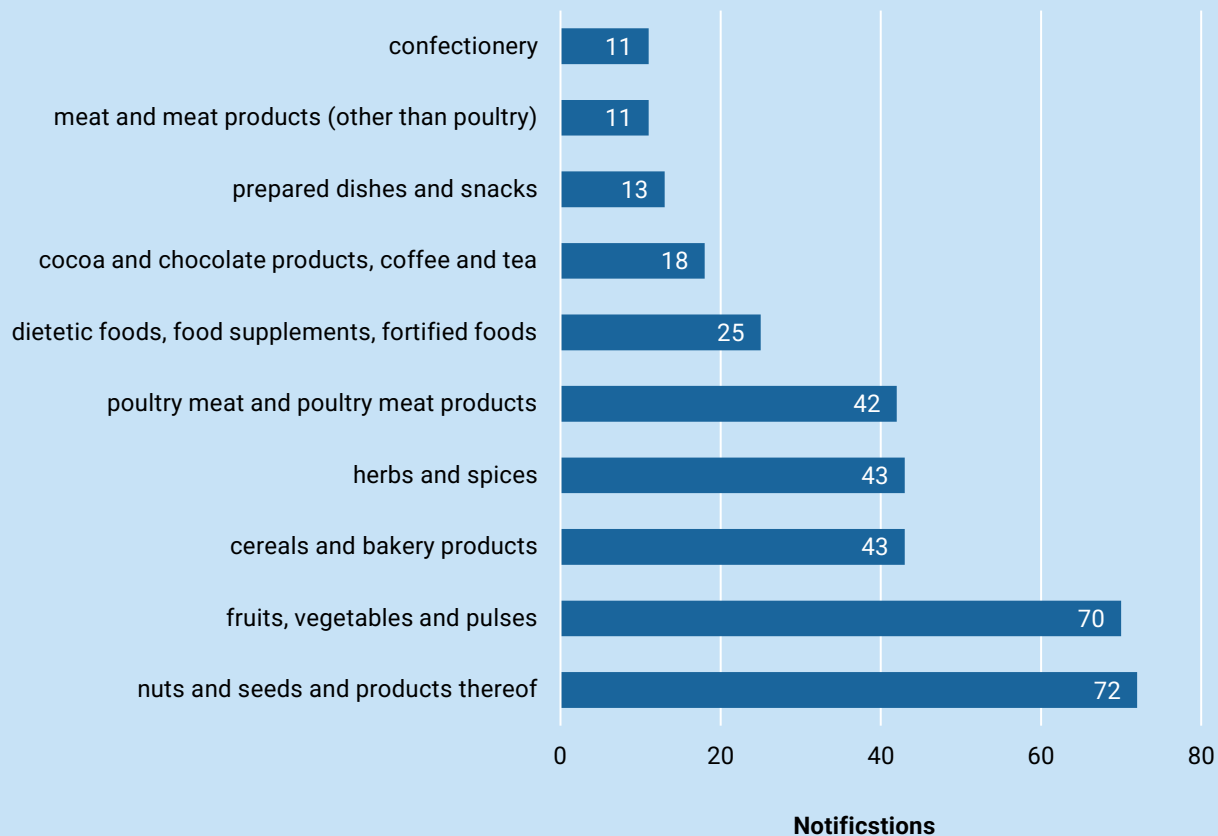
The RASFF-notifications are divided as follows:

▪ Alert notifications:	129
▪ Border rejections:	131
▪ Information messages:	171



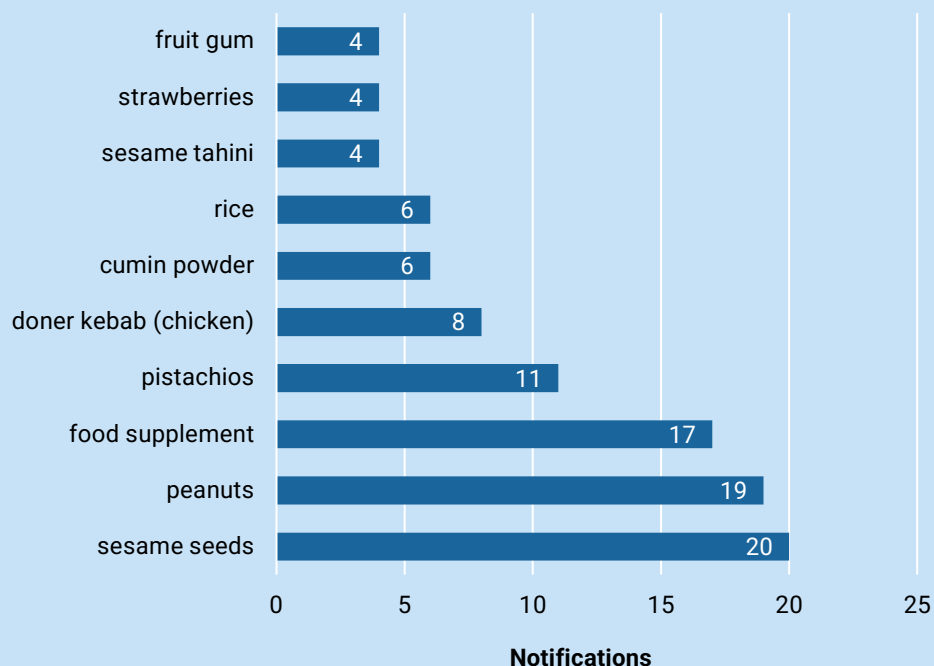
The product category nuts, seeds and products thereof is in first place in the evaluation by product category with 72 notifications. 38 notifications concerned mycotoxins. The product category fruit, vegetables and pulses followed in second place with 70 notifications. In this product category, there were 37 notifications due to pesticides and 17 notifications due to pathogenic microorganisms. The product category herbs and spices is in third place with 43 notifications, 17 were due to pesticide residues:

RASFF-Notifications June 2025: Top 10 product categories



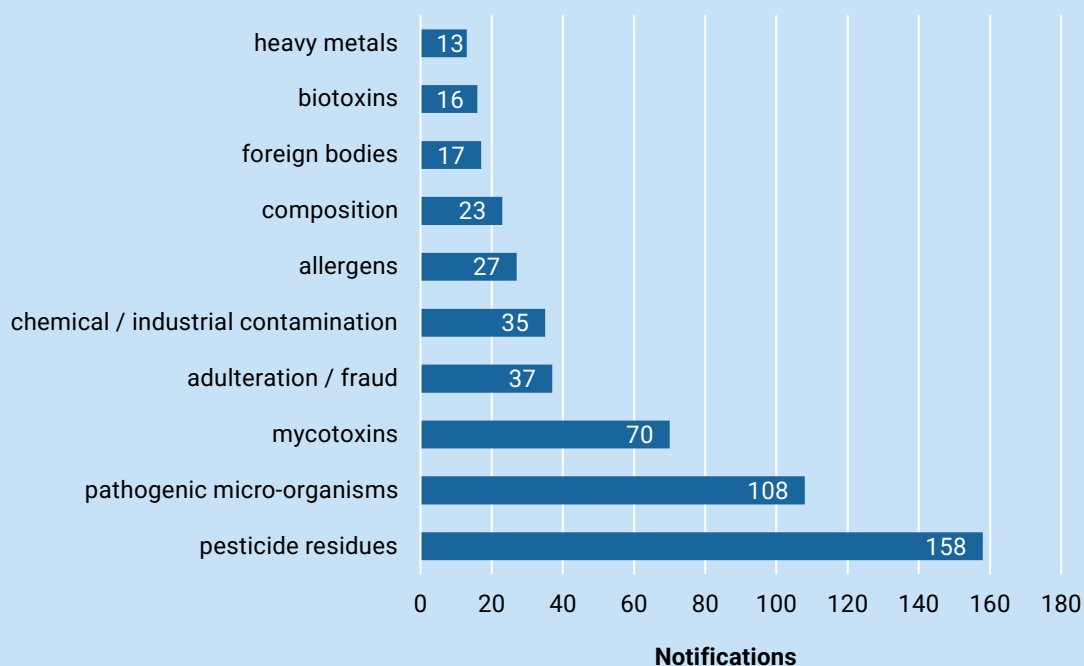
In terms of products, sesame seeds were in first place in June with 20 notifications, including 9 notifications due to missing certificates and 8 notifications due to salmonella. Peanuts and food supplements are following in second and third place with 19 and 17 notifications:

RASFF-Notifications June 2025: Top10 products



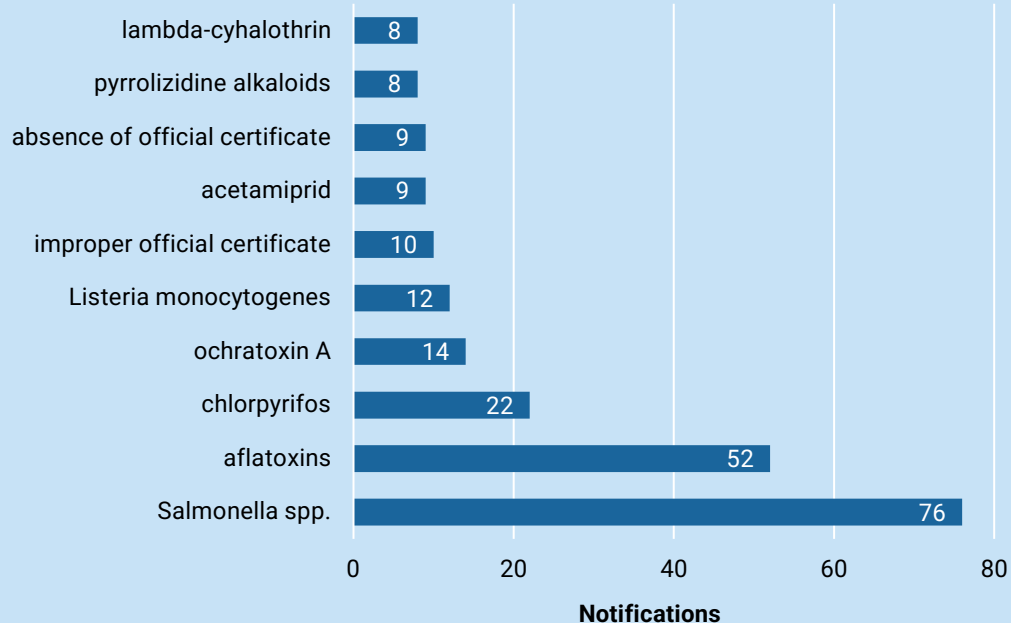
In the evaluation by hazard category, pesticides were in first place in June with 158 notifications. A total of 30 maximum levels were exceeded by 5 notifications concerning vine leaves or vine leaves in brine. In one notification regarding vine leaves in brine from Egypt, 11 maximum residue limits were exceeded. One notification of cumin powder from China and Pu-erh tea from Lebanon each had 12 maximum residue limits exceeded. In second place are pathogenic micro-organisms with 108 notifications and in third place are mycotoxins with 70 notifications, 19 of which related to peanuts:

RASFF-Notifications June 2025: Top 10 hazard categories



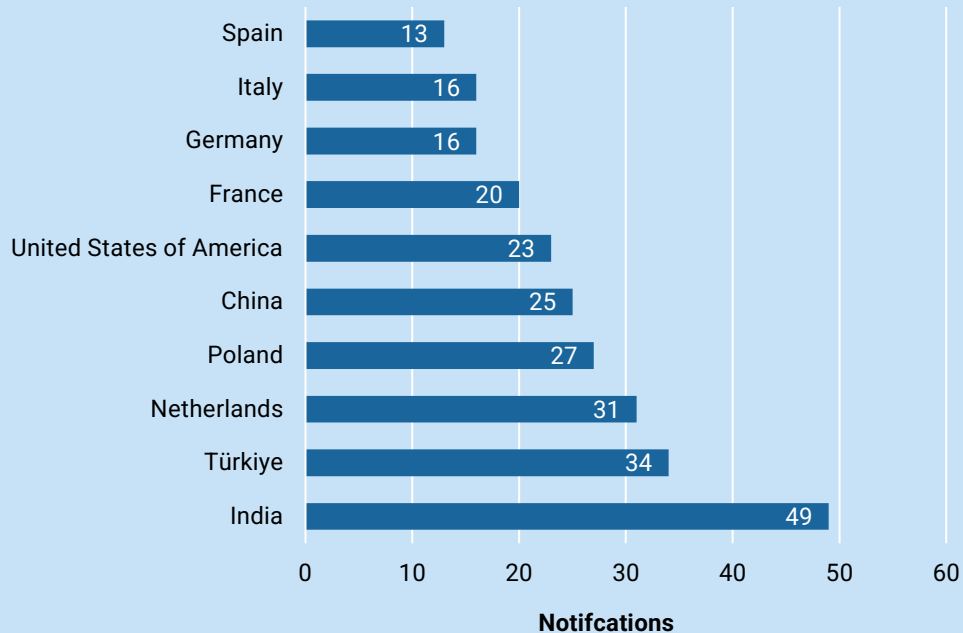
In terms of hazards, salmonella are in first place with 76 notifications, with the highest number of notifications (40) in the product group poultry meat and poultry meat products. Aflatoxins followed in second place with 52 notifications. 19 notifications concerned peanuts. Chlorpyrifos was in third place with 22 notifications, 10 were in the herbs and spices product category:

RASFF-Notifications June 2025: Top 10 hazards



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

RASFF-Notifications June 2025: Top 10 countries of origin



India is in first place with 49 notifications, followed by Türkiye with 34 notifications and the Netherlands in second and third place with 31 notifications.

2. Update on pesticides and contaminants



EU sets MRLs for ketoprofen in animal products (ruminants, pigs, horses)

Regulation (EU) 2023/2194 established a maximum residue level for ketoprofen in poultry tissue (see maximum residue levels for ketoprofen in poultry). For beef, pork and horse meat, the use of ketoprofen was authorised without the need for a MRL.

The European Medicines Agency has evaluated ketoprofen in cattle and pigs and recommended extending the MRLs to all ruminants and horses. This has now been implemented accordingly with the **Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1105**.

Regulation (EU) 2025/1164

Regulation 2025/1164 from June 13, 2025 is amending Annexes II and III of Regulation (EC) 396/2005 as regards maximum residue levels for:

- Cyantraniliprole
- Cyflumetofen
- Deltamethrin
- Mefentrifluconazole
- Mepiquat
- Oxathiapiprolin

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

Draft proposals of the EU to reduce maximum residue levels of carbendazim and thiophanate methyl

The European Commission has submitted a **draft proposal** to reduce the maximum residue levels for carbendazim and thiophanate-methyl to the limit of determination (0.01mg/kg) for oranges, grapefruits, mangoes and papayas.

For further information, please refer to the linked draft proposal.



- 🕒 [Eu-Commission: Shaping the future of food research and innovation](#)
- 🕒 [Sustainable Pesticide Management Framework \(SPMF\): Annual Report 2024](#)
- 🕒 [Psychoactive effects to be expected following consumption of products containing hexahydrocannabinol \(HHC\)](#)
- 🕒 [Epidemiological analysis of African swine fever in the European Union during 2024](#)

Food Safety

- 🕒 [TestBiotech: AI-designed insecticidal NGT 1 plants](#)
- 🕒 [Commission to seek review of new data linking glyphosate to higher cancer risk](#)
- 🕒 [ECDC: STEC infection cases: Annual Epidemiological Report for 2023](#)
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- 🕒 [Illegal imports of “Dubai chocolate” may threaten consumers with allergies, warns UK food safety watchdog](#)
- 🕒 [Opinion of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety \(ANSES\) on the risks associated with the consumption of nitrites and nitrates](#)
- 🕒 [USA: egg company recalls 1,700,000 shell eggs due to Salmonella contamination](#)
- 🕒 [Opinion of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety on the presence of Toxocara spp. parasites in wild boar meat](#)
- 🕒 [Food Standards Agency \(FDA\): An annual review of food standards across the UK](#)
- 🕒 [Reducing the Risk of Arsenic in Rice](#)



Food Fraud

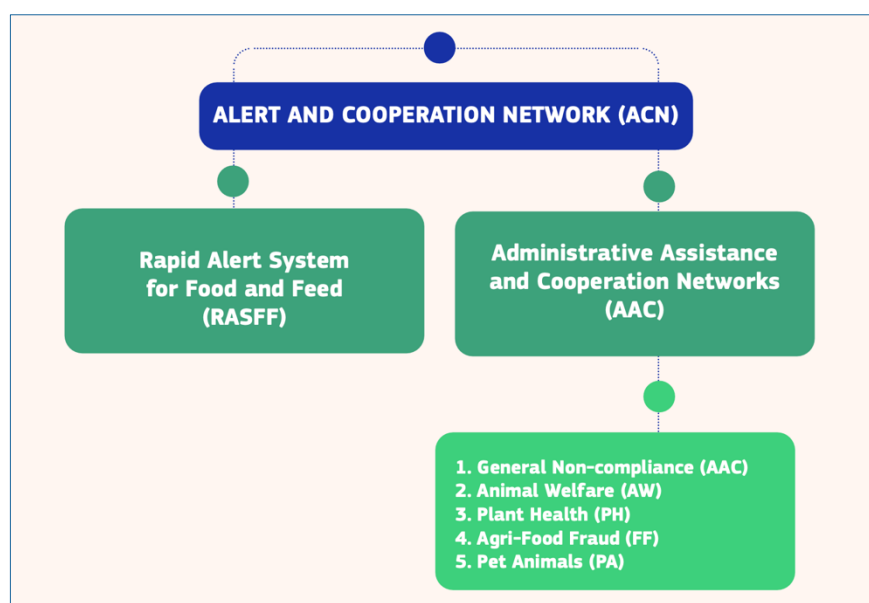
- 🕒 EU Agri-Food Fraud suspicions: Report April 2025
- 🕒 Horizon (The EU Research & Innovation Magazine): the hidden battle against fake food
- 🕒 Netherlands: recall of sweets after cannabis contamination discovered
- 🕒 Olive Oil: A Leading Focus in Italy's Crackdown on Food Fraud
- 🕒 Food fraud in selected sub-Saharan Africa countries: a wake-up call to national regulatory bodies to support enforcement and food safety

Alert & Cooperation Network (ACN): 2024 Annual



Source: European Commission

The European Commission has published the **2024 Annual Report on the Alert and Cooperation Network (ACN)**. The report provides an overview and analysis of the notifications and information exchanged within the ACN via the electronic system iRASFF. The ACN consists of the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) and the European Administrative Assistance and Cooperation Network (AAC):



Source: European Commission

The report shows an 8% increase in the overall number of notifications (9.460) in 2024 compared to the previous year. For the first time, the annual report also includes notifications on pet animals and animal welfare, thanks to newly established, specialised networks that focus on these areas. The Animal Welfare (AW) network focuses on the welfare of animals throughout their life cycle and ensures compliance with EU legislation. The Pet Animals (PA) network facilitates the rapid exchange of information between authorities, in particular to prevent fraudulent practices.

Below is an overview of the main activities of the ACN:

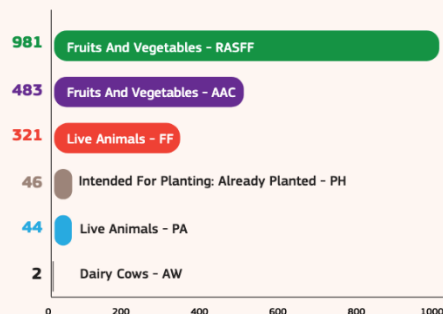
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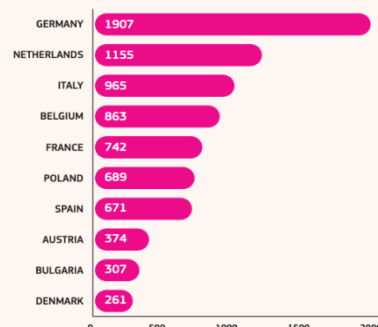
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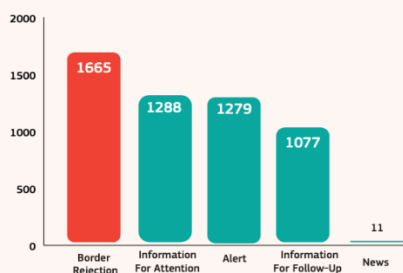
Top product categories notified by network



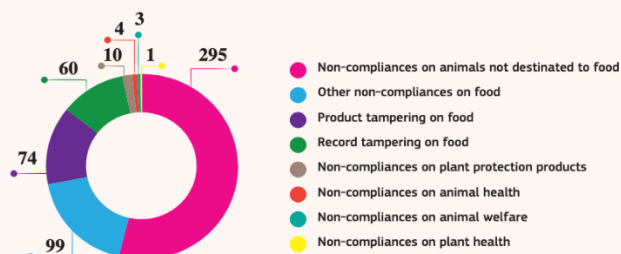
Top 10 ACN notifying countries



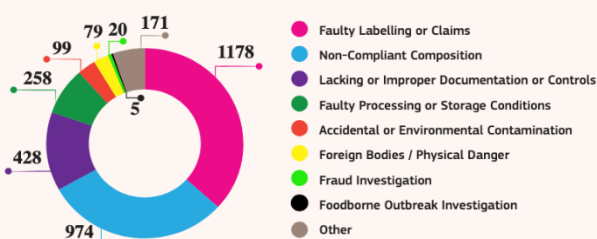
RASFF notifications by classification



Agri-Food Fraud notifications



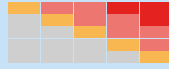
Non-Compliance notifications



Source: European Commission

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