

## **RAPID ALERT SYSTEM FOR FOOD AND FEED**

The legal basis of the system is Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety (O.J. No L 31 of 1 February 2002).

The purpose of the rapid alert system for food and feed (RASFF) is to provide the control authorities with an effective tool for exchange of information on measures taken to ensure food safety.

To assist the members of the network, information is classified under two different headings :

### **• ALERT NOTIFICATIONS**

Alert notifications are sent when the food or feed presenting the risk is on the market and when immediate action is required. Alerts are triggered by the Member State that detects the problem and has initiated the relevant measures, such as withdrawal/recall. The notification aims at giving all the members of the network the information to verify whether the concerned product is on their market, so that they also can take the necessary measures.

**Consumers can be reassured that products subject to an alert notification have been withdrawn or are in the process of being withdrawn from the market.** The Member States have their own mechanisms to carry out such actions, including the provision of detailed information through the media if necessary.

### **• INFORMATION NOTIFICATIONS**

Information notifications concern a food or feed for which a risk has been identified, but for which the other members of the network do not have to take immediate action, because the product has not reached their market. These notifications mostly concern food and feed consignments that have been tested and rejected at the external borders of the EU.

**Consumers can be reassured that products subject to an information notification have not reached the market or that all necessary measures have already been taken.**

The Commission publishes a weekly overview of alert and information notifications. As it is necessary to strike the balance between openness and the protection of commercial information, the trade names and the identity of individual companies are not published. This is not detrimental to consumer protection, as a RASFF notification implies that measures have been or are in the process of being taken.

The public must be aware that the Commission is not in a position to release more information other than that published here. However, in exceptional circumstances where the protection of human health requires greater transparency, the Commission takes the appropriate action through its usual communication channels.

## Week 2005/10

**TABLE 1: ALERT NOTIFICATIONS**

Notifications in blue typeface concern feed, all other notifications concern food.

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>NOTIFIED BY:</b>	<b>REF.:</b>	<b>REASON FOR NOTIFYING:</b>	<b>COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:</b>
28/02/2005	UNITED KINGDOM	2005.112	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in various foods containing Worcester sauce	UNITED KINGDOM
28/02/2005	ITALY	2005.113	Salmonella spp in frozen boneless pork neck	SPAIN
01/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.114	migration of lead and migration of cadmium from drinking glasses	CHINA
01/03/2005	UNITED KINGDOM	2005.115	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in sticky barbecue marinade	UNITED KINGDOM
01/03/2005	ESTONIA	2005.116	Salmonella Blockley in frozen boneless and skinless turkey breasts	HUNGARY
01/03/2005	CYPRUS	2005.117	1,4-dichlorobenzene in Greek forest honey	GREECE
01/03/2005	NETHERLANDS	2005.118	Salmonella in whole milk powder (26%)	POLAND
02/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.119	unauthorised colour Sudan 4 in palm oil	GHANA VIA THE NETHERLANDS
02/03/2005	UNITED KINGDOM	2005.120	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in various sauces containing Worcester sauce	UNITED KINGDOM
03/03/2005	UNITED KINGDOM	2005.121	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in Worcester sauce	UNITED KINGDOM
03/03/2005	CYPRUS	2005.122	unauthorised feed additive - organic selenium in selenium premix for cattle and poultry	IRELAND
03/03/2005	SLOVENIA	2005.123	ochratoxin A and aflatoxins in ground nutmeg	INDIA VIA GERMANY
03/03/2005	UNITED KINGDOM	2005.124	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in spice mixes	UNITED KINGDOM
04/03/2005	UNITED KINGDOM	2005.125	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in various foods containing Worcester sauce	UNITED KINGDOM
04/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.126	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in sauces	GERMANY
04/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.127	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in sauces	GERMANY
04/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.128	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in sauces	GERMANY
04/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.129	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in sauces	GERMANY
04/03/2005	LATVIA	2005.130	Listeria monocytogenes in smoked salmon	LITHUANIA
04/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.131	unauthorised colour erythrosine (E 127) in pickled ginger in vinegar	THAILAND VIA THE NETHERLANDS
04/03/2005	LATVIA	2005.132	Listeria monocytogenes in smoked sausage	LITHUANIA
04/03/2005	AUSTRIA	2005.133	Salmonella C in döner made of chicken meat	AUSTRIA

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28/02/2005	LITHUANIA	2005.AMT	too high content of sulphites in dried strawberries	CHINA
28/02/2005	GERMANY	2005.AMU	aflatoxins in pistachios in shell	IRAN
28/02/2005	GERMANY	2005.AMV	aflatoxins in pistachio nuts	IRAN
28/02/2005	GERMANY	2005.AMW	aflatoxins in pistachio nuts	IRAN
28/02/2005	ITALY	2005.AMX	bacterial inhibitor in frozen pud blanched shrimps ( <i>Parapenaopsis stylifera</i> )	INDIA
28/02/2005	GERMANY	2005.AMY	aflatoxins in pistachios in shell	IRAN
28/02/2005	CYPRUS	2005.AMZ	sulphonamides in honey	CYPRUS
28/02/2005	CYPRUS	2005.ANA	sulphonamides in honey	CYPRUS
28/02/2005	CYPRUS	2005.ANB	sulphonamides in honey	CYPRUS
28/02/2005	CYPRUS	2005.ANC	sulphonamides in honey	CYPRUS
28/02/2005	CYPRUS	2005.AND	sulphonamides in honey	CYPRUS
28/02/2005	CYPRUS	2005.ANE	sulphonamides in honey	CYPRUS
28/02/2005	CYPRUS	2005.ANF	sulphonamides in honey	CYPRUS
28/02/2005	CYPRUS	2005.ANG	sulphonamides in honey	CYPRUS
28/02/2005	CYPRUS	2005.ANH	sulphonamides in honey	CYPRUS
01/03/2005	SLOVENIA	2005.ANI	unauthorised colour amaranth (E 123) in sweets	CROATIA
01/03/2005	HUNGARY	2005.ANJ	aflatoxins in pistachio nuts	IRAN
01/03/2005	ITALY	2005.ANK	<i>Bacillus cereus</i> and too high count of Enterobacteriaceae in sesame seeds	PAKISTAN
01/03/2005	ITALY	2005.ANL	parasites - <i>Anisakis</i> in fresh monkfish ( <i>Lophius piscatorius</i> )	UNITED KINGDOM
01/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.ANM	unauthorised colour Sudan 4 in palm oil	GHANA
01/03/2005	UNITED KINGDOM	2005.ANN	too high content of benzoic acid (E 210) and too high content of sorbic acid in liquid candy	CHINA
01/03/2005	UNITED KINGDOM	2005.ANO	too high content of benzoic acid (E 210) in candy cones	CHINA
01/03/2005	ITALY	2005.ANP	aflatoxins in pistachios in shell	IRAN
02/03/2005	ITALY	2005.ANQ	bacterial inhibitor in frozen shrimps pud blanched ( <i>Parapenaopsis stylifera</i> )	INDIA
02/03/2005	NETHERLANDS	2005.ANR	too high content of arsenic and too high content of mercury in herbal food supplement	INDIA
02/03/2005	NETHERLANDS	2005.ANS	too high content of arsenic and too high content of mercury in herbal food supplements	INDIA
02/03/2005	NETHERLANDS	2005.ANT	too high content of arsenic and too high content of mercury in herbal food supplements	INDIA
02/03/2005	NETHERLANDS	2005.ANU	too high content of mercury in herbal food supplement	INDIA
02/03/2005	NETHERLANDS	2005.ANV	too high content of mercury in herbal food supplement	INDIA

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02/03/2005	NETHERLANDS	2005.ANW	too high content of arsenic, too high content of mercury and too high content of lead in herbal food supplements	INDIA
02/03/2005	SPAIN	2005.ANX	leucomalachite green in frozen catfish fillet ( <i>Pangasius hypophthalmus</i> )	VIETNAM
02/03/2005	LITHUANIA	2005.ANY	too high content of sulphites in dried cherries	CHINA
02/03/2005	GREECE	2005.ANZ	aflatoxins in groundnut kernels	CHINA
02/03/2005	GREECE	2005.AOA	aflatoxins in groundnut kernels	EGYPT
02/03/2005	GREECE	2005.AOB	aflatoxins in peanut kernels	CHINA
02/03/2005	GREECE	2005.AOC	aflatoxins in groundnut kernels	CHINA
02/03/2005	GREECE	2005.AOD	aflatoxins in groundnuts	CHINA
03/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.AOE	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in sweet and sour marinade containing Worcester sauce	GERMANY
03/03/2005	GREECE	2005.AOF	aflatoxins in groundnut kernels	CHINA
03/03/2005	GREECE	2005.AOG	aflatoxins in groundnut kernels	CHINA
03/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.AOH	aflatoxins in pistachio nuts	IRAN
03/03/2005	ITALY	2005.AOI	too high count of Enterobacteriaceae in kudineer herbs	SRI LANKA
03/03/2005	ITALY	2005.AOJ	aflatoxins in pistachio nuts	IRAN VIA FRANCE
03/03/2005	SLOVENIA	2005.AOK	fragments of fish bones in milk substitute	THE NETHERLANDS VIA DENMARK
03/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.AOL	unauthorised genetically modified papaya	THE UNITED STATES
04/03/2005	MALTA	2005.AOM	damaged packaging of canned corned beef	BRAZIL
04/03/2005	MALTA	2005.AON	damaged packaging of canned corned beef	BRAZIL
04/03/2005	MALTA	2005.AOO	damaged packaging of canned corned beef	BRAZIL
04/03/2005	LATVIA	2005.AOP	aflatoxins in peanut kernels	CHINA
04/03/2005	GERMANY	2005.AOQ	unauthorised colour Sudan 1 in sauces	GERMANY