


Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) - Introduction

The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) is a system which has been in place since 1979.

The legal basis of the RASFF is [Regulation EC/178/2002](#)  [es](#) [da](#) [de](#) [el](#) [fr](#) [it](#) [nl](#) [pt](#) [fi](#) [sv](#) 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. N° L 31 of 1 February 2002). In Articles 50, 51 and 52 scope and procedures of the RASFF are defined.

The purpose of the RASFF is to provide the control authorities with an effective tool for exchange of information on measures taken to ensure food safety.

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[RASFF annual report 2007](#)  pdf

The Annual Report on the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed provides useful data on the number of notifications received in 2007, as well as details on the origin of the notifications, the products and countries involved, and the identified risks. It also details the follow-up actions carried out in response to various food safety problems.

Press Release: [Well-functioning RASFF processes more than 7,300 notifications in 2007](#)

[RASFF annual report 2006](#)  pdf

Weekly Overviews

The Commission publishes a weekly overview of alert notifications, information notifications and border rejections.

As it is necessary to strike a 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.

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