



Attuali emergenze RASFF OGM:

**aggiornamenti e misure da
intraprendere**

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Reg. (EC) 178/2002

art. 50, 51, 52 - RASFF

Non compliance in food and feed from unauthorised GMOs which represent a direct or indirect risk to human health must be notified through the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed





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It involves the Member States, the Commission and the EFSA.

The Member States, the Commission and the EFSA designate a contact point

The Commission is responsible for managing the network



Members of the network

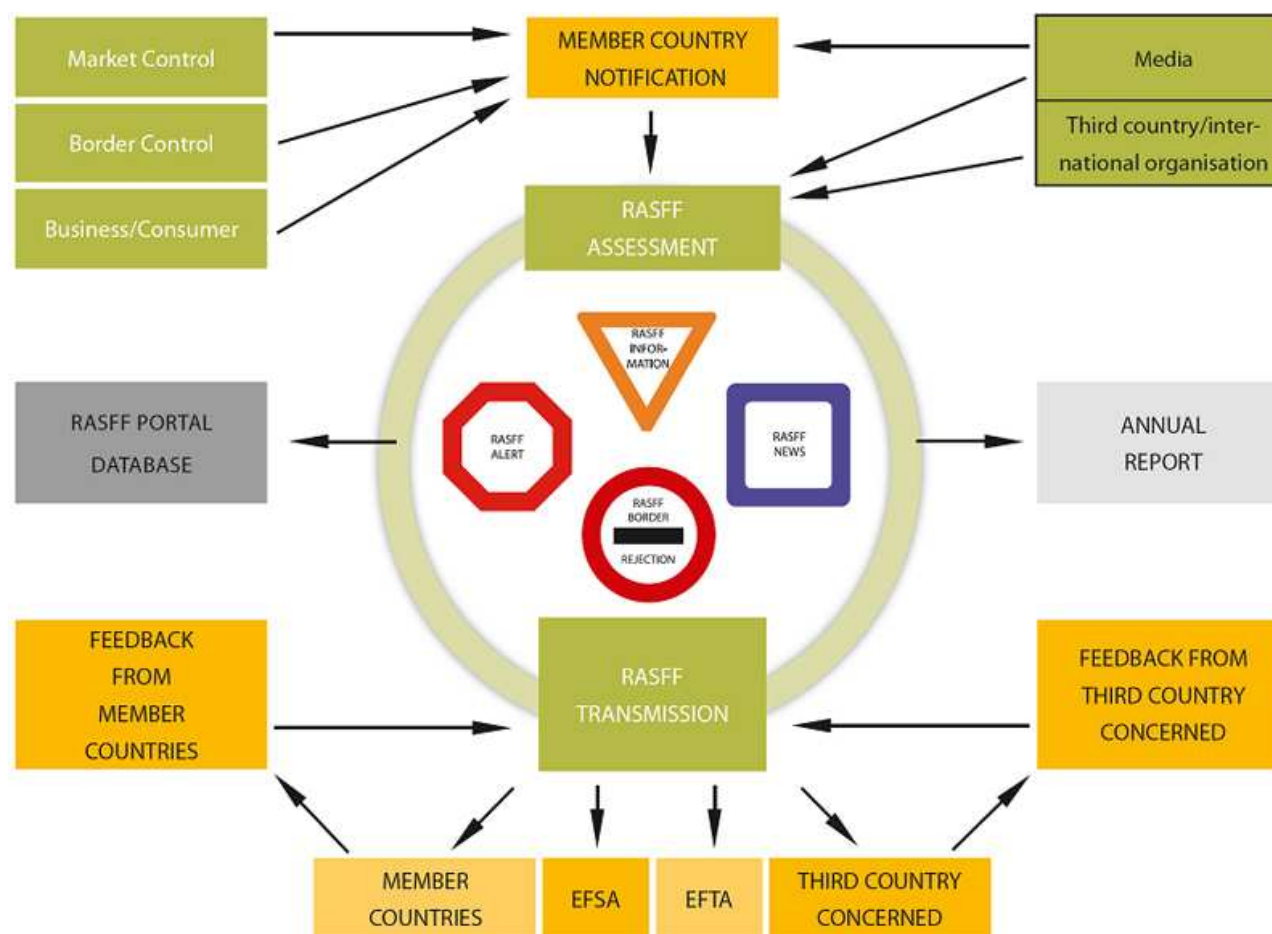
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 Norway	 Poland	 Portugal	 Romania	 Slovakia	 Slovenia	 Spain	 Sweden
 Switzerland	 United Kingdom						

Each RASFF member has a designated contact point that is responsible for sending RASFF notifications to the Commission.

RASFF procedure

- ✓ *Food or feed inspectors inspect a product on the market or at the border.*
- ✓ *They may take samples and receive the results from the laboratory.*
- ✓ *If the product is non-compliant and the issue falls under the scope of the RASFF , the non-compliance has to be reported to the national RASFF contact point.*
- ✓ *The national contact point verifies and completes the RASFF notification where necessary and forwards it to the European Commission. It uses a RASFF notification form to provide details of the findings and measures taken and adds relevant documents such as bills, lists of companies having received the products, analytical reports, etc. Templates are used to collect all information on the RASFF notification form.*

RASFF procedure



Classification of the notification



Alert notifications are sent when a food or feed presenting a serious health risk is on the market and when rapid action is required. The RASFF member that identifies the problem and takes the relevant actions (e.g. withdrawal of the product) triggers the alert. The goal of the notification is to give all RASFF members the information to confirm whether the product in question is on their market, so that they can also take the necessary measures.

Classification of the notification



Border rejections concern food and feed consignments that have been tested and rejected at the external borders of the EU (and the European Economic Area – EEA) when a health risk has been found. The notifications are sent to all EEA border posts in order to reinforce controls and to ensure that the rejected product does not re-enter the EU through another border post.

Classification of the notification



Information notifications are used when a risk has been identified about food or feed placed on the market, but the other members do not have to take rapid action. This is because the product has not reached their market or is no longer present on their market or because the nature of the risk does not require rapid action.

Classification of the notification



Any information related to the safety of food and feed products which has not been communicated as an alert or an information notification, but which is judged interesting for the control authorities, is transmitted to the members under the heading '**News**'.



What is the responsibility of the European Commission in the RASFF?

The Commission, responsible for managing the system, is providing knowledge and a technological platform to facilitate transmission and handling of the RASFF notifications. It receives all notifications from members of the network and performs the following checks on them, prior to making them available to all members of the network:

- ✓ a completeness check*
- ✓ legislative requirements*
- ✓ verification if the subject of the notification falls within the scope of the RASFF*
- ✓ classification of the notification*
- ✓ members of the network flagged for action*
- ✓ recurrences of similar problems relating to the same professional operator and/or hazard/country of origin.*
- ✓ The Commission must inform a non-member of RASFF (third countries) if a product subject to a notification has been exported to that country or when a product originating from that country has been the subject of a notification. In this way, the country can take corrective measures where needed and appropriate.*





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Type

Classification ☐ withdrawn

Basis

Product :

Category

*Recent RASFF notifications
on Bt63 rice in choline
chloride feed additive*

Recent RASFF notifications on Bt63 rice in choline chloride feed additive

22 notifications since 30 January 2014:

- *6 from Belgium*
- *3 from France*
- *3 from Spain*
- *3 from Germany*
- *2 from the Netherlands*
- *2 from Ireland*
- *1 from Bulgaria*
- *1 from UK*
- *1 from Cyprus*



Recent RASFF notifications on Bt63 rice in choline chloride feed additive

22 notifications since 30 January 2014:

- *18 from companies own checks*
- *4 from official controls*





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Notifications list : 22 results

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Search criteria | Subject *CHOLINE* AND *CHLORIDE*

date	reference	product type	notification type	notification basis	notified by	origin	subject	distribution	action taken	distribution status
feed additives										
30/01/2014	2014.0133	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	France	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn cob from China	Algeria, Bulgaria, Italy, France	destruction	distribution to other member countries
06/02/2014	2014.0175	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	Belgium	from China	unauthorised genetically modified rice Bt63 (0.3%) in choline chloride 60% from China	Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Croatia, France, Germany, Czech Republic, Belgium, Austria	withdrawal from the market	distribution to other member countries
17/02/2014	2014.0232	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	France	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63 positive) choline chloride 60% corn cob from China	France, Belgium	withdrawal from the market	distribution to other member countries
21/02/2014	2014.0252	feed	information for attention	company's own check	Netherlands	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt-63 Rice) choline chloride 60% from China	Netherlands	detained by operator	distribution restricted to notifying country
25/02/2014	2014.0267	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	Belgium	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% from China	Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, France, United Kingdom, Serbia, Netherlands	withdrawal from the market	distribution to other member countries
25/02/2014	2014.0269	feed	information for attention	company's own check	Germany	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn from China	Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, Germany	informing recipients	distribution to third countries
25/02/2014	2014.0270	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	Belgium	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn from China	Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark	withdrawal from the market	distribution to other member countries
25/02/2014	2014.0271	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	Spain	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn from China	Bangladesh, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Spain, Ghana, Portugal, Sudan, Thailand	informing recipients	distribution to other member countries
25/02/2014	2014.0272	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	Belgium	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn from China	Poland, Belgium, Netherlands, Spain, Germany	withdrawal from the market	distribution to other member countries
27/02/2014	2014.0277	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	Germany	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn from China	Slovenia, Portugal, Poland, Croatia, Spain, Germany, Austria	informing recipients	distribution to other member countries
13/03/2014	2014.0340	feed	information for attention	official control on the market	Bulgaria	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn cob from China	Bulgaria	seizure	distribution restricted to notifying country
13/03/2014	2014.0346	feed	information for attention	company's own check	United Kingdom	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn cob from China	United Kingdom	detained by operator	distribution restricted to notifying country
17/03/2014	2014.0358	feed	information for attention	company's own check	Germany	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt 63) choline chloride 60 % in rice from China	Germany	withdrawal from the market	product not (yet) placed on the market
20/03/2014	2014.0365	feed	information for attention	company's own check	Netherlands	from China from Belgium	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn cob from China, via Belgium	Germany, Poland, Netherlands	withdrawal from the market	product (presumably) no longer on the market
20/03/2014	2014.0366	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	Ireland	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% from China	Ireland	withdrawal from the market	no distribution from notifying country
20/03/2014	2014.0367	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	Ireland	from China from United Kingdom	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% from China, via the United Kingdom	Ireland	withdrawal from the market	no distribution from notifying country
31/03/2014	2014.0428	feed	information for attention	official control on the market	Cyprus	from China from United Kingdom	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn cob from China	Cyprus	official detention	distribution restricted to notifying country
08/04/2014	2014.0481	feed	information for attention	official control on the market	France	from China from Belgium from Hong Kong	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt 63) rice in choline chloride 60% from China, via Hong Kong	France	withdrawal from the market	distribution restricted to notifying country
10/04/2014	2014.0490	feed	information for attention	company's own check	Spain	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt 63) rice in choline chloride 60% from China	Spain	detained by operator	distribution restricted to notifying country
10/04/2014	2014.0491	feed	information for attention	company's own check	Spain	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% from China	Spain	official detention	distribution restricted to notifying country
10/04/2014	2014.0494	feed	information for follow-up	company's own check	Belgium	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60 % from China	Belgium, Germany, Poland, Spain	withdrawal from the market	distribution to other member countries
06/03/2014	2014.AKU	feed	border rejection	border control - consignment detained	Belgium	from China	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice in choline chloride 60% corn cob from China		re-dispatch	product not (yet) placed on the market

Background

- *Bt63 rice is unauthorised in the EU as well as in China. Zero tolerance applies in the EU. The Commission asked for application for authorisation to the Chinese authorities, but this was not followed up.*
- *First cases of Bt63 rice originating from China, contaminating rice products, date back to 2006. In 2010 other unauthorised GM rice varieties originating from China were detected on the EU market. Latest emergency measures were adopted in 2011 on a number of rice products, addressing all these GM rice events and establishing the detection methods to be used.*

Background

- *The choline chloride feed additive is often on a vegetable carrier (60% choline chloride, 37% corn cob, 3% rice bran); it is then added to premixtures, from which compound feed is prepared.*
- *The feed additive is not included in the list of products falling under the scope of Decision 2013/287/EU on emergency measures regarding unauthorised GM rice in rice products originating from China, therefore no emergency measures currently apply to this product.*

Background

- *Topic discussed with MSs at the SCFCAH Animal Nutrition and GM food and feed. The Commission has been working with the MSs to define harmonised recall measures from the market and the level of official control to be applied.*
- *From the data submitted by MSs, this type of contamination seems to have involved a significant number of lots of feed additive, premixtures and potentially a large amount of compound feed.*
- *Associations of feed manufacturers have expressed their concerns on the matter.*



FAMI-QS initiative to establish a WG with Chinese operators

- FAMI-QS/FEFANA mission to China in April
- establishment of a Working Group with Chinese operators: results and potential solutions were discussed.
- first possible course of action: removal of rice from the composition of the feed additive
- second option: use of non-GM rice in the production of choline chloride.
- according to the information gathered within the FAMI-QS WG, rice content in the choline chloride feed additive may be around 10-20%, which is significantly higher than what initially considered.



Future actions

- *Meeting of the Commission with the Chinese Authorities in June: request the Chinese authorities to take corrective measures and to consider the possibility to remove the rice component from the choline chloride corn cob formulation. Request to verify also other feed additive and premixture formulations containing rice.*
- *Requirements for Chinese Authority to perform systematic checks on the products to be exported to the EU and additional controls to be carried out by Member States.*
- *If unsuccessful, considering the possibility to extend the scope of Dec. 2013/287/UE*
- *FVO audit on feed additive in China in June*
- *EURL-GMFF testing a number of samples of feed additive and relative premixtures provided by MSs*
- *EURL-GMFF preparing a technical note on DNA extraction, inhibition effect, detection of rice and of Bt63 rice*



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