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Commission



Increased checks
on import of food of
non-animal origin

Overview 2014

Controls carried out by
the EU Member States

**Results of border checks carried out by
the EU Member States and Norway on
imports of feed and food of non-animal
origin subject to increased level of
official controls – products listed in
Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009**

Consolidated data for 2014

Background

Based on Article 15(5) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 on official controls¹, Commission Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 on an increased level of official controls on feed and food of non-animal origin² is in application since 25 January 2010. The Regulation provides for a coordinated and uniform control approach at the EU border, requiring **targeted controls** on the several million tonnes of imports of feed and food reaching every year the European market from Third Countries **when a known or emerging risk has been identified**. This comes in addition to the 'routine' checks performed by competent authorities.

The **inclusion of certain food and feed in Annex I ("listing")** is the outcome of a decision of the Commission and the EU Member States, in their role of risk managers. It is based on the latest scientific and factual information available, including data resulting from notifications received through the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF), reports and information resulting from the activities of the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) of the Commission, scientific opinions of the European Food Safety Authority or of any other relevant scientific body, as well as information supplied by third countries' competent authorities (Article 2). Imports listed in Annex I to the Regulation are subject to prior notification of their arrival to the EU (Article 6) and have to enter through Designated Points of Entry (DPE)³. These imports are subject to 100% documentary checks while a lower frequency e.g. 10%, 20% or 50% is foreseen for **physical checks, including laboratory analysis**. The list of imports of feed and food non-animal origin subject to an increased level of border surveillance is reviewed on a quarterly basis, taking into account the submission by the EU Member States and Norway of the results of the controls performed by their control authorities on the products listed in the Annex (Article 15). In case **satisfactory levels of compliance are ascertained**, these quarterly revisions can result in the **removal of the commodity from the Annex ("de-listing")**. This means that the products are no longer subject to the reinforced scheme and 'routine' checks will apply again.

It is also possible that the quarterly revisions point at **very high non-compliance levels** without significant improvements over a prolonged period of time. In this case, **more stringent import conditions** such as the compulsory presentation of results of sampling and analysis and of a health certificate verified by authorised representatives of the country of origin can be adopted. Should these more stringent conditions also prove insufficient to guarantee an adequate level of compliance, **suspension of imports of the food or feed** in question can be envisaged.

The present document summarises for each of the third countries' products listed in Annex I the **results of the controls performed at EU level during the four quarters of 2014**. It is the fifth report issued in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 669/2009.

¹ OJ L 165, 30. 4. 2004, p.1.

² OJ L194, 25.7.2009, p.1.

³ The list of EU DPEs is available at this link: http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/official_controls/legislation/imports/non-animal/index_en.htm

Summary of results for 2014

Almost 100 000 consignments subject to reinforced controls reached EU borders in 2014. Of those, **11 291 were sampled for laboratory analysis** and **496 (i.e. 4,4%, slightly above the 2013 result of 4,1%) were found in breach of EU legislation** and were prevented from entering the EU market.

The satisfactory level of compliance reported in 2014 for certain commodities resulted in **several de-listings**: pomelos from China, oranges from Egypt and coriander and basil from Thailand (hazard: pesticide residues), curry from India (hazard: aflatoxins), dried noodles from China (hazard: aluminium), frozen strawberries from China (hazard: norovirus and hepatitis A) and coriander, basil and mint from Thailand (hazard: salmonella).

The **frequency of border control activities was also adjusted for several commodities** on the basis of the results quarterly reported by the Member States:

- It was **increased** for: *Brassica oleracea* from China and vine leaves from Turkey (hazard: pesticide residues), dried spices (chilli and nutmeg) from India (hazard: aflatoxins) and betel leaves from India and from Thailand (hazard: salmonella).

A number of imports were **included in the list** as a result of the quarterly reviews: vine leaves from Turkey, table grapes from Peru, aubergines, Chinese celery and yardlong beans from Cambodia and dragon fruit from Viet Nam for the possible presence of pesticide residues; betel leaves from India, betel leaves from Thailand and sesamum seeds from India for the possible presence of salmonella; enzymes from India for the possible presence of chloramphenicol; groundnuts from Sudan for the possible presence of aflatoxins and dried apricots from Turkey for the possible presence of sulphites.

**Results related to commodities listed for the possible presence of
mycotoxins**

DRIED GRAPES (food) – AFGHANISTAN – OCHRATOXIN A

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	46	23	1	4,3%
Quarter II	56	26	1	3,8%
Quarter III	15	9	1	11,1%
Quarter IV	12	5	0	0%
Total	129	63	3	4,8%

History

Listed as of 1 January 2013 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%.

**GROUNDNUTS and DERIVED PRODUCTS (feed and food) – BRAZIL –
AFLATOXINS**

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	560	65	1	1,5%
Quarter II	293	33	4	12,1%
Quarter III	431	55	6	10,9
Quarter IV	381	46	3	6,5%
Total	1665	199	14	7%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%.
Control frequency decreased to 10% as of 1 January 2011.

DRIED SPICES (food) – INDIA – AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	407	59	4	6,8%
Quarter II	408	55	5	9,1%
Quarter III	350	35	2	5,8%
Quarter IV	324	40	2	5%
Total	1489	189	13	6,9%

History

Listed spices: chilly, curry and nutmeg. Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%. Control frequency decreased to 20% as of 1 January 2012 and further decreased to 10% as of 1 January 2013. **Curry delisted as of July 2014.** Frequency increased to 20% as of 1 January 2015.

NUTMEG (food) – INDONESIA – AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	156	37	0	0%
Quarter II	132	26	0	0%
Quarter III	142	30	7	23,3%
Quarter IV	148	41	4	9,8%
Total	578	134	11	8,2%

History

Listed as of 1 July 2012 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 20%.

WATERMELON SEEDS (food) – SIERRA LEONE – AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	No import			
Quarter II	No import			
Quarter III	No import			
Quarter IV	No import			
Total	No import			

History

Listed as of 1 January 2013 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%.

GROUNDNUTS (Feed and food) – SUDAN – AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	8	4	3	75%
Quarter III	3	3	2	66,7%
Quarter IV	No import			
Total	11	7	5	71,4%

History

Listed as of 1 April 2014 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%.

DRIED VINE FRUIT (food) – UZBEKISTAN – OCHRATOXIN A

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	48	25	0	0%
Quarter II	38	19	0	0%
Quarter III	13	6	0	0%
Quarter IV	62	29	1	3,4%
Total	161	79	1	1,3%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%.

**Results concerning imports listed for the possible presence of contaminants
other than mycotoxins or pesticides**

DRIED NOODLES (food) – CHINA – ALUMINIUM

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1400	164	7	4,3%
Quarter II	Delisted			
Quarter III	Delisted			
Quarter IV	Delisted			
Total	1400	164	7	4,3%

History

Listed as of 7 October 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.
Delisted as of 1 April 2014.

ENZYMES (Feed and food) – INDIA – CHLORAMPHENICOL

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	21	9	0	0%
Quarter III	27	13	0	0%
Quarter IV	40	21	2	9,5%
Total	88	43	2	4,7%

History

Listed as of 1 April 2014 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%.

DRIED APRICOTS (Food) – TURKEY – SULPHITES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	778	104	3	2,9%
Quarter IV	1065	137	16	11,7%
Total	1843	241	19	7,9%

History

Listed as of 1 July 2014 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.

Results concerning imports listed for the possible presence of pesticide residues

VEGETABLES (food) – CAMBODIA - PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	Not listed			
Quarter IV	27	11	3	27,3%
Total	27	11	3	27,3%

History

Listed vegetables: aubergines, Chinese celery and yard long beans. Listed as of 1 October 2014 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%.

BROCCOLI (food) – CHINA – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	46	6	0	0%
Quarter II	49	12	2	16,7%
Quarter III	33	18	3	16,7%
Quarter IV	42	21	5	23,8%
Total	170	57	10	17,5%

History

Listed as of 1 October 2012 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%. Frequency increased to 20% as of 1 July 2013 and further increased to 50% as of 1 July 2014.

TEA LEAVES (food) – CHINA – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1042	119	11	9,2%
Quarter II	1028	118	10	8,5%
Quarter III	1259	123	11	8,9%
Quarter IV	1423	148	15	10,1%
Total	4752	508	47	9,3%

History

Listed as of 1 October 2011 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.

POMELOS (food) – CHINA – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	437	96	1	1%
Quarter II	No import			
Quarter III	274	9	0	0%
Quarter IV	Delisted			
Total	711	105	1	1,0%

History

Listed as of 1 October 2011 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 20%.
Delisted as of 1 October 2014.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (food) – DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1819	245	21	8,6%
Quarter II	1657	224	16	7,1%
Quarter III	1217	175	8	4,6%
Quarter IV	1514	207	8	3,9%
Total	6207	851	53	6,2%

History

Listed fruit and vegetables: aubergines, bitter melon, yard long beans and peppers. Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%, reduced to 20% as of 1 July 2012 and further decreased to 10% for bitter melon and aubergines as of 1 January 2013.

PEPPERS (food) – EGYPT – PESTICE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1471	145	8	5,5%
Quarter II	171	17	3	17,6%
Quarter III	9	1	0	0%
Quarter IV	273	24	0	0%
Total	1924	187	11	5,9%

History

Listed as of 1 October 2011 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.

FRUITS and VEGETABLES (food) – EGYPT – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	2986	325	8	2,5%
Quarter II	2263	241	5	2,1%
Quarter III	73	9	0	0%
Quarter IV	2280	199	13	6,5%
Total	7602	774	26	3,4%

History

Listed fruit and vegetables: oranges and strawberries. Listed as of 7 October 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%. **Oranges delisted as of 1 January 2015.**

BEANS AND PEAS (food) – KENYA – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	7189	750	19	2,5%
Quarter II	7574	776	24	3,1%
Quarter III	6869	704	13	1,8%
Quarter IV	8083	826	14	1,7%
Total	29715	3056	70	2,3%

History

Listed as of 1 January 2013 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.

MINT (food) – MOROCCO – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	933	89	2	2,2%
Quarter II	572	53	2	3,8%
Quarter III	384	44	2	4,5%
Quarter IV	708	69	0	0%
Total	2597	255	6	2,4%

History

Listed as of 1 January 2013 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.

DRIED BEANS (food) – NIGERIA – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	4	2	0	0%
Quarter II	68	28	18	64,3%
Quarter III	33	19	19	100%
Quarter IV	18	7	4	57,1%
Total	123	56	41	75,9%

History

Listed as of 1 July 2013 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%.

TABLE GRAPES (food) – PERU – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	1	1	0	0%
Quarter IV	2602	311	2	0,6%
Total	2603	312	2	0,6%

History

Listed as of 1 July 2014 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.

CHILLI PEPPERS (food) – THAILAND – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	152	26	4	15,4%
Quarter II	211	30	0	0%
Quarter III	163	19	2	11,7%
Quarter IV	193	24	3	12,5%
Total	719	99	9	9,1%

History

Listed as of 1 July 2011 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.

HERBS AND SPICES (food) – THAILAND – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	321	32	0	0%
Quarter II	361	40	0	0%
Quarter III	393	36	1	2,8%
Quarter IV	399	36	0	0%
Total	1474	144	1	0,7%

History

Listed herbs and spices: basil and coriander. Listed as of 7 October 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 20%. Control frequency reduced to 10% as of 1 April 2013. **Delisted as of 1 January 2015.**

VEGETABLES (food) – THAILAND – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	187	39	2	5,1%
Quarter II	162	34	4	11,8%
Quarter III	219	38	1	2,6%
Quarter IV	211	40	2	5%
Total	779	151	9	6,0%

History

Listed vegetables: aubergines and yard long beans. Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%, reduced to 20% as of 1 January 2013.

VINE LEAVES (food) – TURKEY – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	11	2	2	100%
Quarter III	28	12	9	75%
Quarter IV	20	4	3	75%
Total	59	18	14	77,8%

History

Listed as of 1 April 2014 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%. Frequency increased to 20% as of 1 January 2015.

PEPPERS (food) – TURKEY – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	8212	912	13	1,4%
Quarter II	8412	939	20	2,1%
Quarter III	4422	492	10	2%
Quarter IV	6521	712	6	0,8%
Total	27567	3055	49	1,6%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.

FRESH HERBS (food) – VIETNAM – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	7	1	0	0%
Quarter II	33	9	2	22,2%
Quarter III	45	9	5	55,6%
Quarter IV	18	2	2	100%
Total	103	21	9	42,9%

History

Listed herbs: basil, coriander leaves, mint and parsley. Listed as of 1 January 2013 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 20%.

VEGETABLES (food) – VIETNAM – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	60	12	1	8,3%
Quarter II	62	13	0	0%
Quarter III	58	10	3	30%
Quarter IV	420	67	15	22,4%
Total	600	102	19	18,7%

History

Listed vegetables: dragon fruit, okra and peppers. Listed as of 1 January 2013 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 20%. Dragon fruit listed as of 1 October 2014 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 20%.

**Results concerning imports listed for possible
microbiological contamination**

STRAWBERRIES (food) – CHINA – NOROVIRUS AND HEPATITIS A

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	255	23	0	0%
Quarter II	222	22	0	0%
Quarter III	158	8	1	12,5%
Quarter IV	Delisted			
Total	635	53	1	1,9%

History

Listed as of 1 January 2013 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 5%.
Delisted as of 1 October 2014.

BETEL LEAVES (Food) / INDIA / SALMONELLA

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	146	21	5	23,8%
Quarter III	189	19	6	31,6%
Quarter IV	236	20	5	25%
Total	571	60	16	26,7%

History

Listed as of 1 April 2014 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.
Frequency increased to 50% as of 1 January 2015.

SESAMUM SEEDS (Food) / INDIA / SALMONELLA

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	Not listed			
Quarter IV	788	157	21	13,5%
Total	788	157	21	13,5%

History

Listed as of 1 October 2014 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 20%.

BETEL LEAVES (Food) / THAILAND / SALMONELLA

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	62	8	2	25%
Quarter III	24	4	0	0%
Quarter IV	19	2	0	0%
Total	105	14	2	14,3%

History

Listed as of 1 April 2014 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.
Frequency increased to 50% as of 1 January 2015.

HERBS and SPICES (food) / THAILAND / SALMONELLA

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	321	34	1	2,9%
Quarter II	361	27	0	0%
Quarter III	393	24	0	0%
Quarter IV	399	41	0	0%
Total	1474	126	1	0,8%

History

Listed herbs and spices: basil, coriander and mint. Listed as of 7 October 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%. **Delisted as of 1 January 2015.**

EU Total 2014

YEAR 2014	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	28059	3229	104	3,2%
Quarter II	24381	2786	128	4,6%
Quarter III	18003	2029	115	5,7%
Quarter IV	28226	3247	149	4,6%
Total	98669	11291	496	4,4%