

Keeping European Consumers safe

Rapid Alert System for dangerous products

2014 main results

2435
notifications

Alerts received through the network on measures taken regarding a dangerous product.

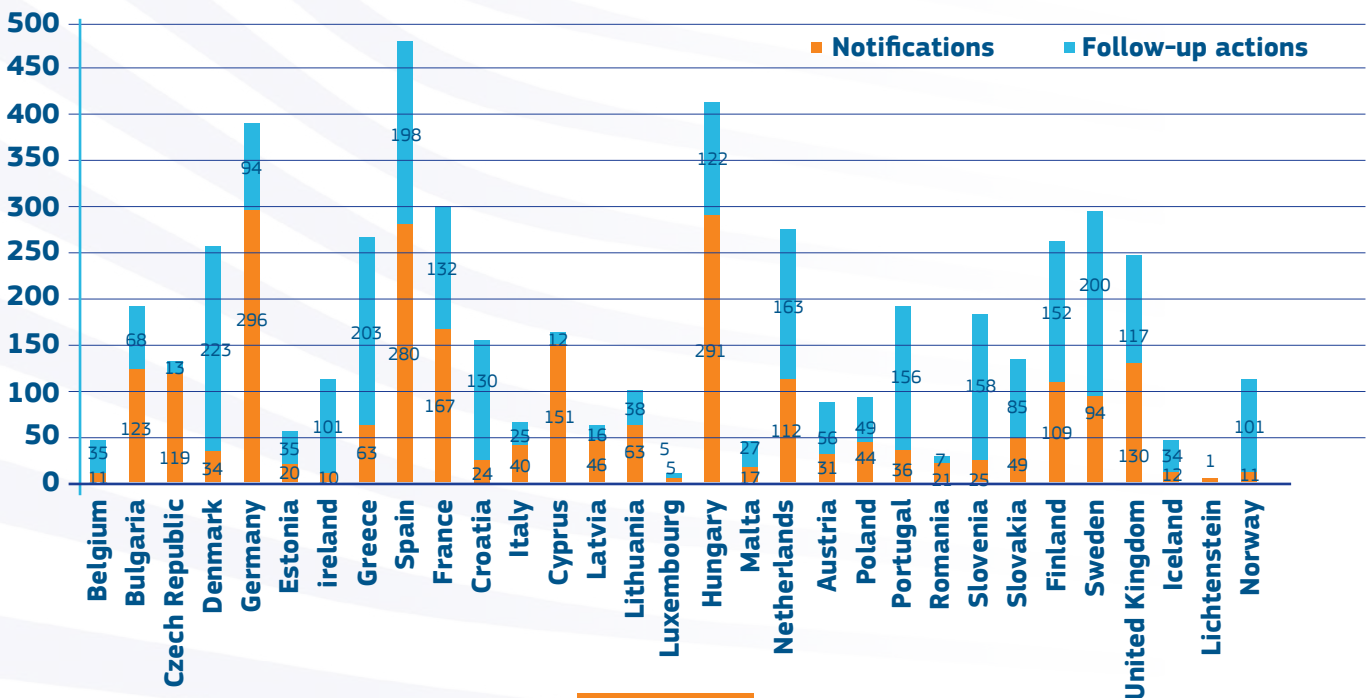
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follow-up actions

Information received on follow-up actions taken in other network countries concerning dangerous products, in response to a notification.



The Rapid Alert System for dangerous non-food products operates through a network of 31 countries, who exchange information on products that pose a risk to consumers, and on the measures taken to mitigate this risk and protect consumers.

Notifications and follow-up actions by country in 2014



Most common types of risk notified



injuries
26%



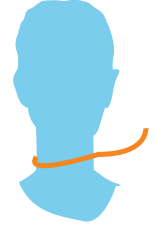
chemical
25%



choking
12%



electric shock
11%



strangulation
9%

Most common product categories notified



toys 28%



motor vehicles 8%



clothing, textiles and fashion items 23%



childcare articles and children's equipment 3%



electrical appliances and equipment 9%



lighting equipment 3%

Most common product categories object of follow-up actions



motor vehicles 62%



electrical appliances and equipment 4%



toys 11%



childcare articles and children's equipment 3%

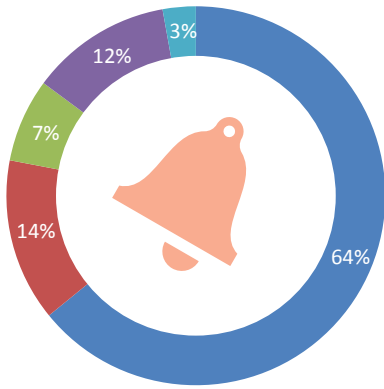


clothing, textiles and fashion items 6%



hobby/sport equipment 3%

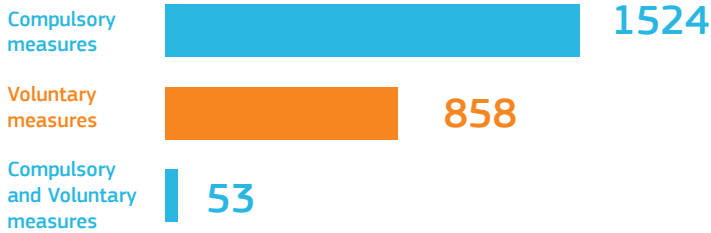
Most common countries of origin of dangerous products



- China, including Hong Kong
- EU-28 and EEA countries
- Unknown
- Other
- Turkey

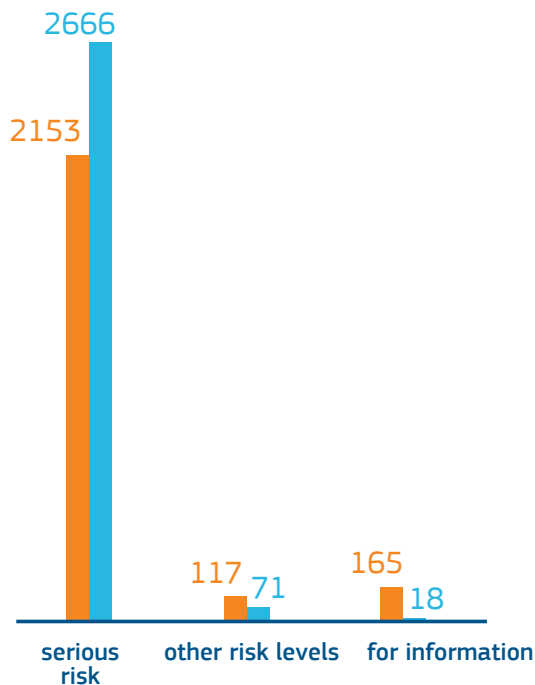
The European Commission has bilateral and multilateral international relations with non-EU countries, who are included in the work to improve traceability of dangerous products.

Measures taken by notifying countries



When a dangerous product is detected on the market, measures are taken in order to correct, withdraw or recall the dangerous product. The measures can be instructed by the authorities (compulsory measures) and/or initiated by the businesses themselves and agreed with the authority (voluntary measures).

Notifications and follow-up actions by risk level



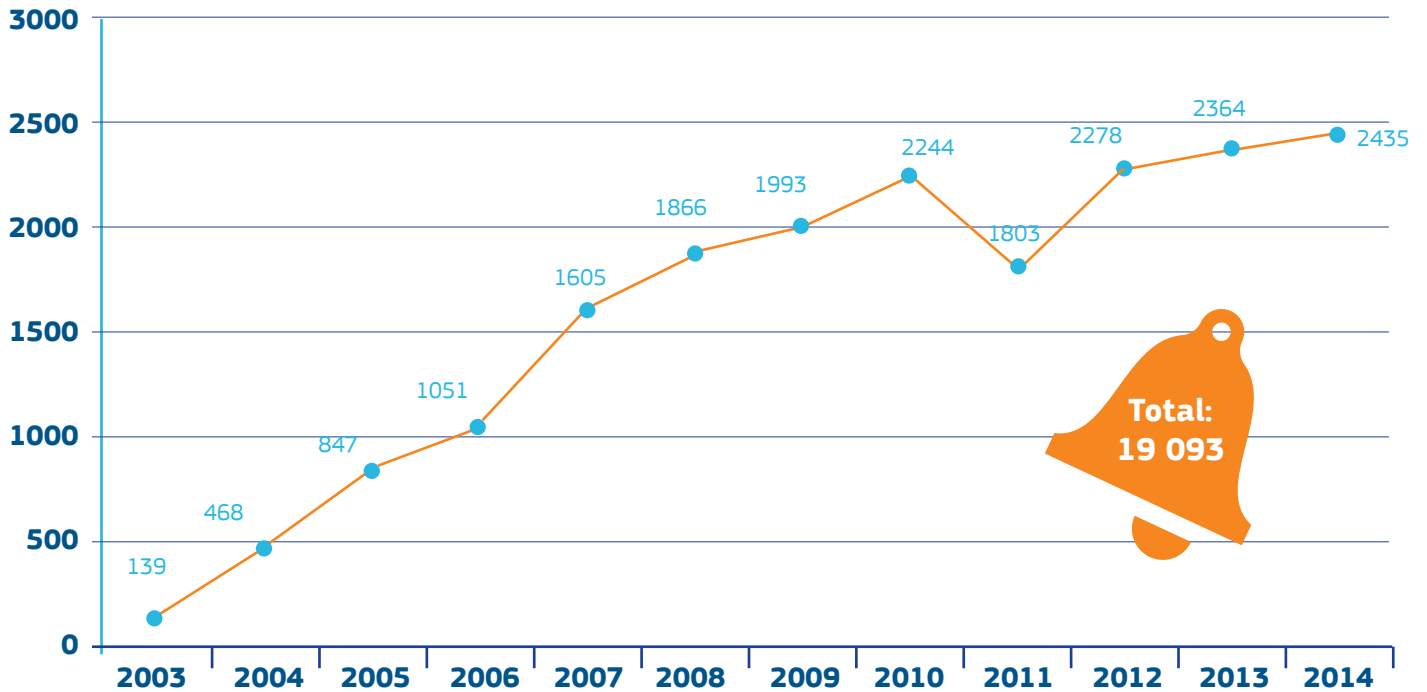
Total of follow-up actions: 2755



Total of notifications: 2435

- risk level of all notifications
- risk level of follow-up actions

Notifications since 2003



Every Friday, the European Commission publishes a report of the week's dangerous consumer product notifications, based on information provided by national authorities. These reports include information on the product, the nature of the risk, and the measures taken.

The Rapid Alert System has a search tool with various options, making it easy to find notifications of interest and detailed information on dangerous products found on the EU market.

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