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Increased checks  
on import of food of  
non-animal origin

# Overview 2013

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 2013**

## **Background**

Based on Article 15(5) of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004 on official controls<sup>1</sup>, Commission Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 on an increased level of official controls on feed and food of non-animal origin<sup>2</sup> 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)<sup>3</sup>. 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 2013**. It is the fourth report issued in the framework of Regulation (EC) No 669/2009.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 165, 30. 4. 2004, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L194, 25.7.2009, p.1.

<sup>3</sup> The list of EU DPEs is available at this link: [http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/controls/increased\\_checks/list\\_DPE\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/controls/increased_checks/list_DPE_en.htm)

## Summary of results for 2013

**Over 100 000 consignments** subject to reinforced controls reached EU borders in 2013. Of those, **11 808 were sampled for laboratory analysis** (+11% if compared to 2012) and **483 i.e. 4.1% were found in breach of EU legislation** and were prevented from entering the EU market.

The satisfactory level of compliance reported in 2013 for certain commodities resulted in **several de-listings**: pomegranates from Egypt, Brassica vegetables from Thailand and tomatoes from Turkey (hazard: pesticide residues), hazelnuts from Azerbaijan, mace, ginger and curcuma from India, mace from Indonesia and groundnuts from South Africa (aflatoxins).

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 **reduced** for aubergines and bitter melon from Dominican Republic, spices from India and aubergines, basil, coriander leaves and yardlong beans from Thailand
- it was **increased** for *Brassica oleracea* from China.

A number of imports were **included in the list** as a result of the quarterly reviews: dried vine fruit from Afghanistan for the possible presence of ochratoxin A; strawberries from China for the possible presence of norovirus and hepatitis A virus; peas and beans from Kenya, mint from Morocco, dried beans from Nigeria and certain herbs, spices and vegetables from Vietnam for the possible presence of pesticide residues; watermelon seeds from Sierra Leone for the possible presence of aflatoxins.

Finally, **watermelon originating from Brazil were included in the list** as of 1 January 2013 due to their possible contamination with Salmonella **and subsequently de-listed** as of 1 October 2013, proving that the system allows the Commission and the Member States to react swiftly to new available information (see box on page 17).

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

**DRIED GRAPES (food) – AFGHANISTAN – OCHRATOXIN A**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	16	5	0	0%
Quarter II	31	16	5	31,2%
Quarter III	11	7	0	0%
Quarter IV	21	11	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12,8%</b>

*History*

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

**HAZELNUTS (food) – AZERBAIJAN – AFLATOXINS**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	12	1	0	0%
Quarter II	40	4	0	0%
Quarter III	20	1	0	0%
Quarter IV	114	20	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>

*History*

Listed as of 1 October 2011 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.  
**Delisted as of 1 January 2014.**

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

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	283	34	2	5,9%
Quarter II	376	42	2	4,7%
Quarter III	568	61	5	8,2%
Quarter IV	511	51	4	7,8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1738</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6,9%</b>

*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**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	544	77	3	3,9%
Quarter II	823	90	4	5,5%
Quarter III	846	103	6	5,8%
Quarter IV	699	82	2	2,4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2912</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4,3%</b>

*History*

**Listed spices: chilly, curcuma, curry, ginger, mace 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. **Mace, ginger and curcuma delisted as of 1 January 2014.**

**DRIED SPICES (food) – INDONESIA – AFLATOXINS**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	145	36	2	5,5%
Quarter II	231	57	5	8,8%
Quarter III	201	44	4	9,1%
Quarter IV	153	31	1	3,2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7,1%</b>

*History*

**Listed spices: nutmeg and mace.** Listed as of 1 July 2012 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 20%. **Mace delisted as of 1 January 2014.**

**WATERMELON SEEDS (food) – SIERRA LEONE – AFLATOXINS**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	No import			
Quarter II	No import			
Quarter III	No import			
Quarter IV	No import			
<b>Total</b>	<b>No import</b>			

*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) – SOUTH AFRICA – AFLATOXINS**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	99	10	2	20%
Quarter II	64	6	0	0%
Quarter III	<b>Delisted</b>			
Quarter IV	<b>Delisted</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12,5%</b>

*History*

Listed as of 1 April 2011 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.  
**Delisted as of 1 July 2013.**

**DRIED VINE FRUIT (food) – UZBEKISTAN – OCHRATOXIN A**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	46	24	1	4,1%
Quarter II	16	6	0	0%
Quarter III	12	6	0	0%
Quarter IV	60	31	2	6,4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4,5%</b>

*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**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	1219	144	2	1,4%
Quarter II	1257	149	2	1,3%
Quarter III	1371	159	5	2,6%
Quarter IV	1487	136	2	1,5%
Total	<b>5334</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,8%</b>

***History***

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

**Results concerning imports listed for the possible presence of  
pesticide residues**

**BROCCOLI (food) – CHINA – PESTICIDE RESIDUES**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	38	3	2	66,7%
Quarter II	60	7	3	42,8%
Quarter III	41	9	8	88,9%
Quarter IV	21	2	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>61,9%</b>

*History*

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

**TEA LEAVES (food) – CHINA – PESTICIDE RESIDUES**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	1008	142	14	9,8%
Quarter II	1220	153	11	7,2%
Quarter III	1155	145	12	8,3%
Quarter IV	1452	144	13	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4835</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>8,6%</b>

*History*

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

**POMELOS (food) – CHINA – PESTICIDE RESIDUES**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	352	74	5	6,7%
Quarter II	No import			
Quarter III	246	29	1	3,4%
Quarter IV	4662	931	8	0,9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5260</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1,3%</b>

***History***

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

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

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	1237	164	13	7,9%
Quarter II	1801	275	20	7,3%
Quarter III	1260	157	5	3,2%
Quarter IV	1936	228	21	9,2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6234</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>7,2%</b>

***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**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	380	43	3	7%
Quarter II	138	15	2	13,3%
Quarter III	15	2	0	0%
Quarter IV	192	18	2	11,1%
Total	<b>725</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9%</b>

**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**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	3884	399	27	6,8%
Quarter II	2945	313	4	1,3%
Quarter III	15	1	0	0%
Quarter IV	1960	183	15	8,2%
Total	<b>8804</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5,1%</b>

**History**

Listed fruit and vegetables: green beans, strawberries, peaches, pomegranates and oranges. Listed as of 7 October 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%. Pomegranates delisted as of 1 July 2013.

**BEANS AND PEAS (food) – KENYA – PESTICIDE RESIDUES**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	8267	538	23	4,3%
Quarter II	6406	662	28	4,2%
Quarter III	6961	726	20	2,7%
Quarter IV	8356	833	27	3,2%
Total	<b>29990</b>	<b>2759</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>3,5%</b>

***History***

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

**MINT (food) – MOROCCO – PESTICIDE RESIDUES**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	1009	79	9	11,4%
Quarter II	709	84	7	8,3%
Quarter III	306	29	2	6,9%
Quarter IV	786	77	3	3,9%
Total	<b>2810</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7,8%</b>

***History***

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

**DRIED BEANS (food) – NIGERIA – PESTICIDE RESIDUES**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	11	3	2	66,6%
Quarter IV	8	2	1	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60%</b>

***History***

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

**CHILLI PEPPERS (food) – THAILAND – PESTICIDE RESIDUES**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	110	12	1	8,3%
Quarter II	130	19	0	0%
Quarter III	170	24	2	8,3%
Quarter IV	116	17	1	5,9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5,5%</b>

***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 2013	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	206	34	1	2,9%
Quarter II	489	64	7	10,8%
Quarter III	454	45	0	0%
Quarter IV	537	59	3	5%
Total	<b>1686</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5,4%</b>

### *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.**

## VEGETABLES (food) – THAILAND – PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2013	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	210	47	6	12,8%
Quarter II	291	61	3	4,9%
Quarter III	323	60	3	5%
Quarter IV	274	47	4	8,5%
Total	<b>1098</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7,4%</b>

### *History*

**Listed vegetables: yard long beans, aubergines and Brassica vegetables.** 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 and further reduced to 10% for *Brassica* vegetables as of 1 July 2013. ***Brassica* vegetables delisted as of 1 January 2014.**

**VEGETABLES (food) – TURKEY – PESTICIDE RESIDUES**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	7321	938	13	1,4%
Quarter II	8817	921	7	0,7%
Quarter III	4748	522	2	0,4%
Quarter IV	6037	678	12	1,7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26923</b>	<b>3059</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1,1%</b>

**History**

**Listed vegetables: peppers and tomatoes.** Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%. **Tomatoes delisted as of 1 October 2013.**

**FRESH HERBS (food) – VIETNAM – PESTICIDE RESIDUES**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	118	17	6	33,3%
Quarter II	66	10	2	20%
Quarter III	16	4	1	25%
Quarter IV	28	4	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25,7%</b>

**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**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	173	25	10	40%
Quarter II	203	33	5	15,1%
Quarter III	114	41	0	0%
Quarter IV	91	16	2	12,5%
Total	<b>581</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14,8%</b>

***History***

**Listed vegetables: okra and peppers.** Listed as of 1 January 2013 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 20%.

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

**WATERMELON (food) – BRAZIL – SALMONELLA**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	353	24	0	0%
Quarter II	8	0	0	0%
Quarter III	164	11	0	0%
Quarter IV	<b>Delisted</b>			
Total	<b>525</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>

***History***

Listed as of 1 January 2013 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 10%.  
**Delisted as of 1 October 2013.**

The list of commodities subject to an increased level of border surveillance is reviewed every three months and this allows the Commission and the Member States to **react swiftly to new available information**, including the quarterly reports submitted by the Member States on the results of controls carried out on consignments of commodities listed in Annex I to the Regulation. The case of watermelon originating from Brazil is representative in this regard: these were **subject to increased level of controls as of 1 January 2013** due to their possible contamination with Salmonella. Watermelon from Brazil were subsequently **removed from the list on 1 October 2013**, as no non-compliances were reported by the Member States for a significant number of controls carried out over three consecutive quarters. As a result of the delisting, they are no longer subject to the reinforced scheme and 'routine' checks are again applicable.

**STRAWBERRIES (food) – CHINA – NOROVIRUS AND HEPATITIS A**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	315	23	1	4,3%
Quarter II	302	21	1	4,8%
Quarter III	435	29	0	0%
Quarter IV	315	25	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1367</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2%</b>

***History***

Listed as of 1 January 2013 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 5%.

**HERBS and SPICES (food)/ THAILAND/SALMONELLA**

<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	235	24	0	0%
Quarter II	489	38	3	7,9%
Quarter III	454	42	0	0%
Quarter IV	537	47	1	2,1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1715</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,6%</b>

***History***

**Listed herbs and spices: basil, coriander and mint.** Listed as of 7 October 2010 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 10%.

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<b>YEAR 2013</b>	<b>CONSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>ANALYSED</b>	<b>NON COMPLIANT</b>	<b>% OF NON COMPLIANCE</b>
Quarter I	25149	2925	151	5,1%
Quarter II	26739	3032	121	4%
Quarter III	19302	2178	87	4%
Quarter IV	29817	3673	124	3,4%
Total	<b>101007</b>	<b>11808</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>4,1%</b>