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# Bamboo-zling - in Finland

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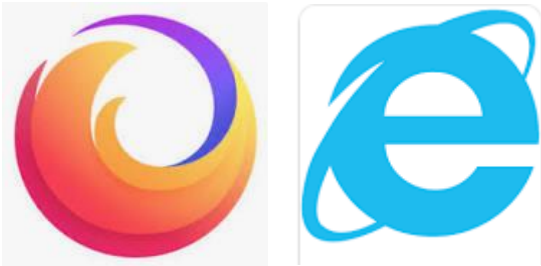
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Finnish Food Authority  
Food Chain Division



# Methods

- A standalone PC
- Firefox and IE



- Finnish Transport and Communication Agency Fi-domain search

Fi-domain

.fi

**Search**

Type the domain name **without the www prefix.**

- Who.is domain search

who.is

WHOIS Search, Domain Name, Website, and IP Tools

Domain names or IP addresses...



- Company search by Finnish Patent and Registration office database and Google

COMPANY SEARCH

Search by name or Business

Google

> **Advanced search** »



# Terms of search

- **Bamboo related:**

- Bambuastia
- Bamboo astia
- Bambu takeaway
- Bambu kulho
- Bambukuitu muki
- Etc.

- **Eco/Bio related:**

- Eko
- Biomuovi astia
- Biohajoava astia
- Etc.

- **Trademark related:**

- **Words related to other vegetable fiber products:**
- Maissikuitu astiat

# Results of the searching



Country/Area	Webpages	Product content clearly illegal
Finland	55	15
Sweden	23	9
Other MS	18	6
Third countries	7	0
Registrant not found	24	14
<b>Total number</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>44</b>

# Measures after searching



- The recall measures were triggered in September.
- We informed on the websites of Ruokavirasto that bamboo enforcement action in the EU has started and we in Finland are going to participate of it.
- We informed local inspectors about the results of the search in the extranet, which is for authorities only.
- We also had a web-meeting with them, where we guided in measures needed.
- The local inspectors
  - ensured the withdrawal of the products
  - ensured that business operators removed the bamboo plastic products from their websites.
  - wrote down in the extranet what measures they have done
- Almost all the websites that were found in the search, have already been taken under control and many of the recognized business operators behind the websites have made the withdrawal notification of these products. Some of the measures are still in under process.
- In one case we suspected fraud.
- To date
  - the Finnish operators have made 15 withdrawal of these bamboo plastic products and
  - Ruokavirasto has made 23 RASFF-announcements



# Customs role in the bamboo-zling project

- Our Customs has controlled these products in the imports of third countries.
- They have added search criteria to find samples of these products.
- Most of the bamboo plastic products come to Finland from the internal markets of the EU. So to date, no such products have been detected in the imports from the third countries to Finland.

# Information to the operators and consumers



## Questions and answers

- <https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/en/companies/food-sector/production/packages-and-other-food-contact-materials/question-and-answers/plastic-products-containing-bamboo/>

## Two information published this year

- <https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/en/companies/food-sector/uutiset-elintarvikealalta/the-import-or-sale-of-plastic-food-contact-materials-containing-bamboo-fibre-or-unauthorised-vegetable-fibres-is-not-allowed/>
- <https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/yritykset/elintarvikeala/uutiset-elintarvikealalta/bambua-sisaltavien-muovituotteiden-tehovalvonta-kaynnistyy--tavoitteena-poistaa-turvallisuusmaaraysten-vastaiset-tuotteet-markkinoilta/>

## Information published of those operators who have done withdrawal (by 19.10.2021)

- <https://www.ruokavirasto.fi/henkiloasiakkaat/tietoa-elintarvikkeista/takaisinvedot1/hyvaksymattomia-kasvikuituja-sisaltavien-muovisten-astioiden-ja-keittitarvikkeiden-takaisinvedot/>

We also informed consumers of these illegal products by social media (Face book, Instagram, Twitter).



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# Thank you!