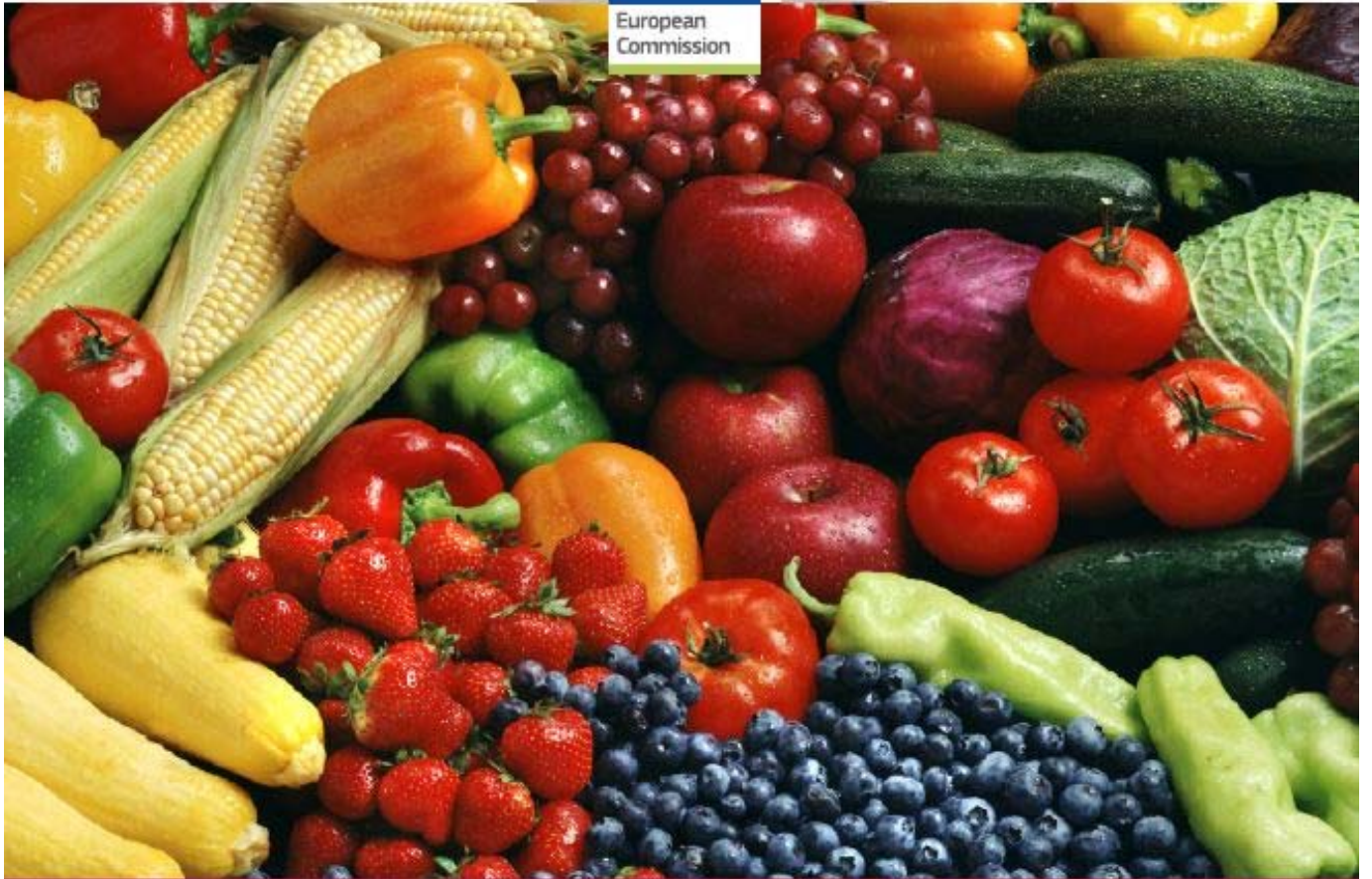




European
Commission



Increased checks
on import of food of
non-animal origin

Overview 2012

*Controls carried out by
the EU Member States*

Health and
Consumers

**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 2012

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 2012**. It is the third 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/food/controls/increased_checks/list_DPE_en.htm

Summary of results for 2012

The satisfactory level of compliance reported in 2012 resulted in a **number of de-listings**: feed additives and premixtures from India (hazard: contamination with lead/ cadmium), capsicum from Peru (aflatoxins), chilli and chilli products from all third countries (Sudan dyes). The **frequency of border control activities was reduced** for exports from Dominican Republic (fruit and vegetables), India (dried spices) and Thailand (herbs and spices).

Other imports were **included in the list** as a result of the quarterly reviews: Chinese broccoli (for the possible presence of pesticide residues) and nutmeg and mace from Indonesia (for the possible occurrence of aflatoxins).

Finally, very high non-compliance levels and the absence of significant improvement since the strengthening of official controls led to the **adoption of specific conditions for the import of groundnuts from Ghana and India, okra and curry leaves from India and watermelon seeds from Nigeria**⁴.

⁴ As of 18 February 2013, the import of these commodities is subject to presentation of the results of sampling and analysis and of a health certificate verified by authorised representatives of the country of origin. These rules are laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 91/2013.

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

HAZELNUTS (food)/ AZERBAIJAN/ AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	24	4	0	0%
Quarter II	30	3	0	0%
Quarter III	16	1	1	100%
Quarter IV	10	1	0	0%
Total	80	9	1	11,1%

History

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

GROUNDNUTS and DERIVED PRODUCTS (feed and food)/ BRAZIL/ AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	238	31	2	6,4%
Quarter II	236	37	3	8%
Quarter III	462	46	4	8,7%
Quarter IV	477	58	2	3,4%
Total	1413	172	11	6,4%

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.

GROUNDNUTS and DERIVED PRODUCTS (feed and food)/ GHANA/ AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	3	None	Not relevant	Not relevant
Quarter II	No import	Not relevant	Not relevant	Not relevant
Quarter III	3	None	Not relevant	Not relevant
Quarter IV	2	1	1	100%
Total	8	1	1	100%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%. Subject as of 18 February 2013 to the **specific import conditions**, including compulsory presentation of results of sampling and analysis and of a health certificate verified by authorised representatives of the country of origin, laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 91/2013⁵.

GROUNDNUTS and DERIVED PRODUCTS (feed and food)/ INDIA/ AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	358	92	44	47%
Quarter II	102	20	7	35%
Quarter III	93	21	8	38,1%
Quarter IV	48	10	4	40%
Total	601	143	63	44,1%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%. Control frequency increased to 20% as of 1 January 2011. Subject as of 18 February 2013 to the **specific import conditions**, including compulsory presentation of results of sampling and analysis and of a health certificate verified by authorised representatives of the country of origin, laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 91/2013.

⁵ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:033:0002:0010:EN:PDF>

DRIED SPICES (food)/ INDIA/ AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	850	220	11	5%
Quarter II	768	157	7	4,4%
Quarter III	763	175	8	4,6%
Quarter IV	779	167	6	3,6%
Total	3160	719	32	4,5%

History

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.

DRIED SPICES (food)/ INDONESIA/ AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	37	12	0	0%
Quarter IV	126	25	1	4%
Total	163	37	1	2,7%

History

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

MELON EGUSI Egusi (food) / NIGERIA/ AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	7	3	2	66%
Quarter II	5	2	2	100%
Quarter III	3	3	3	100%
Quarter IV	4	1	1	100%
Total	19	9	8	88,9%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 50%. Subject as of 18 February 2013 to the **specific import conditions**, including compulsory presentation of results of sampling and analysis and of a health certificate verified by authorised representatives of the country of origin, laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 91/2013.

CAPSICUM (food)/ PERU/ AFLATOXINS and OCHRATOXIN A

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	28	5	0	0%
Quarter II	52	13	0	0%
Quarter III	273	43	1	2,3%
Quarter IV	118	13	1	7,7%
Total	471	74	2	2,7%

History

Listed as of 7 October 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%. **Delisted as of 1 January 2013.**

**GROUNDNUTS and DERIVED PRODUCTS (feed and food)/ SOUTH AFRICA/
AFLATOXINS**

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	53	8	2	25%
Quarter II	11	1	0	0%
Quarter III	13	4	0	0%
Quarter IV	95	10	0	0%
Total	172	23	2	8,7%

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

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	21	14	2	14,2%
Quarter II	50	27	0	0%
Quarter III	30	12	1	8,3%
Quarter IV	38	18	2	11,1%
Total	139	71	5	7,0%

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**

FEED ADDITIVES and PREMIXTURES (feed)/ INDIA/ CADMIUM and LEAD

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	69	15	0	0%
Quarter II	89	9	0	0%
Quarter III	117	18	1	5,6%
Quarter IV	120	14	0	0%
Total	395	56	1	1,8%

History

Listed as of 1 October 2011 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.
Delisted as of 1 January 2013.

DRIED NOODLES (food)/ CHINA/ ALUMINIUM

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1604	176	6	3,4%
Quarter II	1292	131	6	4,5%
Quarter III	1264	137	8	5,8%
Quarter IV	1309	127	2	1,6%
Total	5469	571	22	3,9%

History

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

Results concerning imports listed for the possible presence of Sudan dyes

CHILLI and CHILLI PRODUCTS (food)/ ALL THIRD COUNTRIES/ SUDAN DYES

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1284	129	2	1,5%
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	Not listed			
Quarter IV	Not listed			
Total	1284	129	2	1,6%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 20%. Frequency reduced to 10% as of 1 March 2011. **Delisted as of 7 April 2012.**

Results concerning imports listed for the possible presence of pesticide residues

BROCCOLI (food)/ CHINA/ PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	Not listed			
Quarter IV	82	8	5	62,5%
Total	82	8	5	62,5%

History

Listed as of 1 October 2012 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%.

TEA LEAVES (food)/ CHINA/ PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	532	74	9	12,1%
Quarter II	966	114	15	13,1%
Quarter III	1034	115	14	12,2%
Quarter IV	1450	168	18	10,7%
Total	3982	471	56	11,9%

History

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

POMELOS (food)/ CHINA/ PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	991	233	28	12%
Quarter II	15	None	Not relevant	Not relevant
Quarter III	148	29	5	17,2%
Quarter IV	2836	558	42	7,6%
Total	3990	820	75	9,1%

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

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1491	608	34	5,5%
Quarter II	1415	518	21	4%
Quarter III	817	149	8	5,4%
Quarter IV	1564	284	16	5,6%
Total	5287	1559	79	5,1%

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 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	393	42	3	7,1%
Quarter II	224	23	1	4,3%
Quarter III	43	5	1	20%
Quarter IV	254	27	4	14,8%
Total	914	97	9	9,3%

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 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	3942	401	20	5%
Quarter II	2154	229	7	3%
Quarter III	62	6	0	0%
Quarter IV	1880	199	9	4,5%
Total	8038	835	36	4,3%

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%.

CURRY LEAVES (food)/ INDIA/ PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	111	26	20	76%
Quarter II	89	37	5	14%
Quarter III	130	60	19	31,7%
Quarter IV	166	66	23	34,8%
Total	496	189	67	35,4%

History

Listed as of 7 October 2010 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%, further increased to 50% as of 7 April 2012. Subject as of 18 February 2013 to the **specific import conditions**, including compulsory presentation of results of sampling and analysis and of a health certificate verified by authorised representatives of the country of origin, laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 91/2013.

OKRA (food)/ INDIA/PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1487	169	72	42,6%
Quarter II	1114	126	17	13%
Quarter III	344	146	15	10,3%
Quarter IV	816	361	79	21,9%
Total	3761	802	183	22,8%

History

Listed as of 1 April 2011 and subject to frequency of physical and identity checks of 10%, increased to 20% as of 7 April 2012 and further increased to 50% as of 1 July 2012. Subject as of 18 February 2013 to the **specific import conditions**, including compulsory presentation of results of sampling and analysis and of a health certificate verified by authorised representatives of the country of origin, laid down in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 91/2013.

CHILLI PEPPERS (food)/ THAILAND/ PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	105	13	2	15,3%
Quarter II	154	21	0	0%
Quarter III	156	22	3	13,6%
Quarter IV	178	24	1	4,2%
Total	593	80	6	7,5%

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 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	421	73	3	4,1%
Quarter II	393	53	3	5,6%
Quarter III	179	34	0	0%
Quarter IV	422	81	5	6,2%
Total	1415	241	11	4,6%

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 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	300	107	5	4,6%
Quarter II	283	102	2	1,9%
Quarter III	136	52	2	3,8%
Quarter IV	257	84	2	2,4%
Total	976	345	11	3,2%

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.

VEGETABLES (food) TURKEY/PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	8895	894	25	0,2%
Quarter II	7986	810	22	2,7%
Quarter III	4840	436	3	0,7%
Quarter IV	6860	891	6	0,7%
Total	28581	3031	56	1,8%

History

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

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

HERBS and SPICES (food)/ THAILAND/SALMONELLA

YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	421	22	1	4,5%
Quarter II	393	25	0	0%
Quarter III	198	21	2	9,5%
Quarter IV	422	50	3	6%
Total	1434	118	6	5,1%

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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YEAR 2012	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% OF NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	23207	3359	293	8,7%
Quarter II	17428	2458	118	4,8%
Quarter III	10963	1547	107	6,9%
Quarter IV	19891	3246	233	7,2%
Total	71489	10610	751	7,1%