

**Results of border checks carried out by EU Member States and Norway on the imported
products listed in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 669/2009**

Consolidated data for 2011

Introduction

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 of application since 25 January 2010.

The Regulation provides for a coordinated control approach at EU borders as far as imports of feed and food of non-animal origin are concerned. Imports listed in Annex I to the Regulation are subject to prior notification of their arrival in the EU (Article 6) and have to enter through Designated Points of Entry (DPE)³.

Imports listed in Annex I are subject to 100% documentary checks while a lower frequency (i.e. 10%, 20% or 50%) is foreseen for physical checks on a case-by-case basis.

Inclusion of certain imports in Annex I is the outcome of a decision of the Commission and EU Member States, in their role of risk managers. It is based on the latest scientific and factual information available, including RASFF notifications, findings of the audits carried out in third countries by 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).

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, following submission by 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).

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 fourth quarters of 2011.

¹ OJ L 165, 30. 4. 2004, p.1.

² OJ L194, 25.7.2009, p.1.

³ List of EU Designated Points of Entry is available at http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/controls/increased_checks/list_DPE_en.htm

Results concerning imports listed for possible presence of mycotoxins

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

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	3369	379	14	3,8%
Quarter II	1829	190	4	2,48%
Quarter III	3960	483	12	2,1%
Quarter IV	3711	41	10	2,39%
Total	12869	1093	40	3,6%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 10%. De-listed as of 1 January 2012.

HAZELNUTS (food)/ AZERBAIJAN/AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	Not listed			
Quarter IV	91	10	None	0%
Total	91	10	None	0%

History

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

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

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	234	46	None	0,00%
Quarter II	240	20	4	20%
Quarter III	384	44	4	9%
Quarter IV	318	44	3	6,80%
Total	1176	154	11	7,1%

History

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

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

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1	None	Not relevant	Not relevant
Quarter II	9	3	1	33%
Quarter III	6	1	None	0%
Quarter IV	6	None	Not relevant	Not relevant
Total	22	4	1	25%

History

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

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

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	558	116	83	71,5%
Quarter II	166	37	28	76%
Quarter III	49	16	7	43,7%
Quarter IV	280	53	24	45,2%
Total	1053	222	142	64,00%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 10%. Control frequency increased to 20% as of 1 January 2011.

DRIED SPICES (food)/ INDIA/AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	737	270	16	5,9%
Quarter II	638	270	6	2,2%
Quarter III	941	333	12	3,6%
Quarter IV	732	222	6	2,7%
Total	3048	1095	40	3,6%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 50%. Control frequency decreased to 20% as of 1 January 2012.

MELON EGUSI Egusi (food) /NIGERIA/AFLATOXINS

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	6	3	3	100%
Quarter II	5	1	1	100%
Quarter III	5	None	Not relevant	Not relevant
Quarter IV	5	1	1	100%
Total	21	5	5	100%

History

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

BASMATI RICE (food)/PAKISTAN/AFLATOXINS

YEAR2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	287	70	1	1,4%
Quarter II	258	53	None	0%
Quarter III	219	35	None	0%
Quarter IV	Delisted			
Total	764	158	1	0,6%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 50%. Control frequency decreased to 20% as of 7 October 2010. De-listed as of 13 August 2011.

CAPSICUM (food)/ PERU/AFLATOXINS and OCHRATOXIN A

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	29	7	None	0%
Quarter II	65	2	None	0%
Quarter III	85	16	1	6,1%
Quarter IV	9	1	None	0%
Total	188	26	1	3,8%

History

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

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

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	23	6	None	0%
Quarter III	162	30	2	40%
Quarter IV	163	25	3	12%
Total	348	61	5	8,1%

History

Listed as of 1 April 2011 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 10%.

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

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	18	3	None	0%
Quarter II	De-listed			
Quarter III	Not relevant			
Quarter IV	No relevant			
Total	18	3	None	0%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 10%.
Delisted as of 1 March 2011.

DRIED VINE FRUIT (food)/UZBEKISTAN/OCHRATOXIN A

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	20	12	4	33%
Quarter II	11	3	None	0%
Quarter III	8	4	None	0%
Quarter IV	78	40	None	0%
Total	117	59	4	6.7%

History

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

Results concerning imports listed for possible presence of other contaminants

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

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	Not listed			
Quarter IV	3	3	None	0%
Total	3	3	None	0%

History

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

TRACE ELEMENTS (feed and food)/CHINA/LEAD and CADMIUM

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	64	20	None	0%
Quarter II	Delisted			
Quarter III				
Quarter IV				
Total	64	20	None	0%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 50%. Frequency reduced to 10% as of 1 January 2012. Delisted as of 1 March 2011.

DRIED NOODLES (food)/ CHINA/ALUMINIUM

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1118	151	27	17,8%
Quarter II	1150	135	24	18,1%
Quarter III	1392	164	4	2,4%
Quarter IV	1313	110	3	2,72%
Total	4973	560	58	10,3%

History

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

Results concerning imports listed for possible presence of Sudan dyes

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

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1039	179	3	1,7%
Quarter II	849	130	3	2,3%
Quarter III	1527	163	2	1,2%
Quarter IV	1142	104	None	0%
Total	4557	576	8	1,3%

History

Listed as of 25 January 2010 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 20%. Frequency reduced to 10% as of 1 March 2011. Delisted as of 1 January 2012.

Results concerning imports listed for possible presence of pesticide residues

TEA LEAVES (food)/CHINA/PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	Not listed			
Quarter IV	487	59	3	5%
Total	487	59	3	5%

History

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

POMELOS (food)/CHINA/PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	Not listed			
Quarter IV	2099	416	33	9,37%
Total	2099	416	33	9,37%

History

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

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

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1816	614	38	6,00%
Quarter II	1870	552	32	5,7%
Quarter III	1341	547	34	6,2%
Quarter IV	1086	370	20	5,4%
Total	6113	2083	124	5,9%

History

Listed fruit and vegetables: mango, lauki, bitter melon, yard long beans, peppers and aubergines.

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

Frequency reduced to 10% for mango as of 1 January 2011. Mango delisted as of 1 March 2011.

Lauki delisted as of 1 January 2012.

PEPPERS (food)/ EGYPT/ PESTICE RESIDUES

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	Not listed			
Quarter IV	244	28	None	0%
Total	244	28	None	0%

History

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

FRUITS and VEGETABLES (food)/ EGYPT/ PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	5007	507	25	5%
Quarter II	3073	335	8	2,3%
Quarter III	105	14	2	14,2%
Quarter IV	3330	294	15	5,1%
Total	11515	1150	50	4,3%

History

Listed fruit and vegetables: green beans, strawberries, peaches, pomegranates and oranges.

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

Green beans delisted as of 1 January 2012.

CURRY LEAVES (food)/ INDIA/ PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	5	1	1	100%
Quarter II	35	3	1	33
Quarter III	40	6	4	66%
Quarter IV	108	20	18	90%
Total	188	30	24	80%

History

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

Control frequency increased to 50% as of 1 April 2012.

OKRA (food)/ INDIA/PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	624	67	15	22,3%
Quarter III	218	24	4	16,6%
Quarter IV	851	90	49	54,4%
Total	1693	181	68	37,5%

History

Listed as of 1 April 2011 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 10%.

CHILLI PEPPERS (food)/THAILAND/PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	Not listed			
Quarter II	Not listed			
Quarter III	44	6	2	33%
Quarter IV	25	4	1	25%
Total	69	10	3	30%

History

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

VEGETABLES (food)/ THAILAND/PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1276	362	23	6,3%
Quarter II	657	142	26	18,3%
Quarter III	410	126	5	4,00%
Quarter IV	360	94	8	8,5%
Total	2703	724	62	8,50%

History

Listed vegetables: yard long beans, aubergines and Brassica vegetables.

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

VEGETABLES (food) TURKEY/PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	12093	928	17	1,8%
Quarter II	12319	1306	61	4,6%
Quarter III	3123	322	5	1,5%
Quarter IV	5903	606	16	2,64%
Total	33438	3162	99	3,1%

History

Listed vegetables: peppers, tomatoes and courgettes.

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

Courgettes delisted as of 8 May 2011.

HERBS AND SPICES (food)/ THAILAND/ PESTICIDE RESIDUES

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	962	174	28	16%
Quarter II	579	104	26	25%
Quarter III	550	98	7	7,1%
Quarter IV	569	74	2	2,7%
Total	2660	450	63	14%

History

Listed herbs and spices: basil and coriander.

Listed as of 7 October 2010 and subject to control frequency for physical checks of 20%.

Results concerning imports listed for possible presence of microbiological contamination

HERBS and SPICES (food)/ THAILAND/SALMONELLA

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	1077	72	6	8,3%
Quarter II	601	39	None	0%
Quarter III	372	29	None	0%
Quarter IV	569	43	4	9,3%
Total	2619	183	10	5,46%

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%.

EU Total 2011

YEAR 2011	CONSIGNMENTS	ANALYSED	NON COMPLIANT	% NON COMPLIANCE
Quarter I	29005	3916	289	7,3%
Quarter II	22683	3476	247	7,1%
Quarter III	13828	2477	118	4,8%
Quarter IV	22802	3275	238	7,27%
Total	88318	13144	892	6,7%

Conclusions

As in 2010, the quarterly review mechanism foreseen in Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 has allowed to introduce the necessary changes to the list of imports of non-animal origin listed in Annex I in a timely fashion.

While Annex I lists imports for a broad spectrum of risks ranging from mycotoxins to pesticide residues, microbiological contamination and other contaminants (e.g. heavy metals, Sudan dyes), the changes which occurred in 2011 mainly related to products subjected to an increased border surveillance for possible presence of aflatoxins and pesticides.

The satisfactory level of compliance reported by EU Member States and Norway in 2011 resulted in several imported products of non-animal origin listed in Annex I being taken off the list. Amongst products listed for the possible occurrence of aflatoxins, Argentina (groundnuts and derived products), Vietnam (groundnuts and derived products) and Pakistan (basmati rice) had their exports being de-listed. In the area of pesticide residues, the lifting of reinforced surveillance at EU borders concerned Egypt (green beans) and Dominican Republic (mango and lauki). Finally, the increased level of official controls was no longer deemed necessary for chilli and chilli products from all third countries for possible contamination with Sudan dyes as well as for trace elements from China for possible presence of lead and cadmium.

While some imports were de-listed, others were included in Annex I as a result of the quarterly reviews which were carried out 2011. As regards pesticide residues, China (pomelos and tea leaves), Thailand (chilli peppers), India (okra) and Egypt (peppers) were added to the list. Azerbaijan (hazelnuts) and South Africa (groundnuts and derived products) were also included in Annex I to Regulation 669/2009 because of the possible occurrence of aflatoxins. Feed additives and premixtures from India were finally included because of the possible contamination with lead and cadmium.

The four reviews of Annex I that took place in 2011 offered also the opportunity to adjust, as appropriate, the intensity of border control activities for certain imports. Amongst the products listed for the possible presence of aflatoxins, Brazil (groundnuts and derived products) and India (spices) benefited from a relaxation of the control intensity for the performance of physical checks to them applicable. Conversely, the level of non-compliance emerging from EU Member States' quarterly reporting led to the increase of the control frequency for two Indian exports (groundnuts and derived products/aflatoxins and curry leaves/pesticide residues).