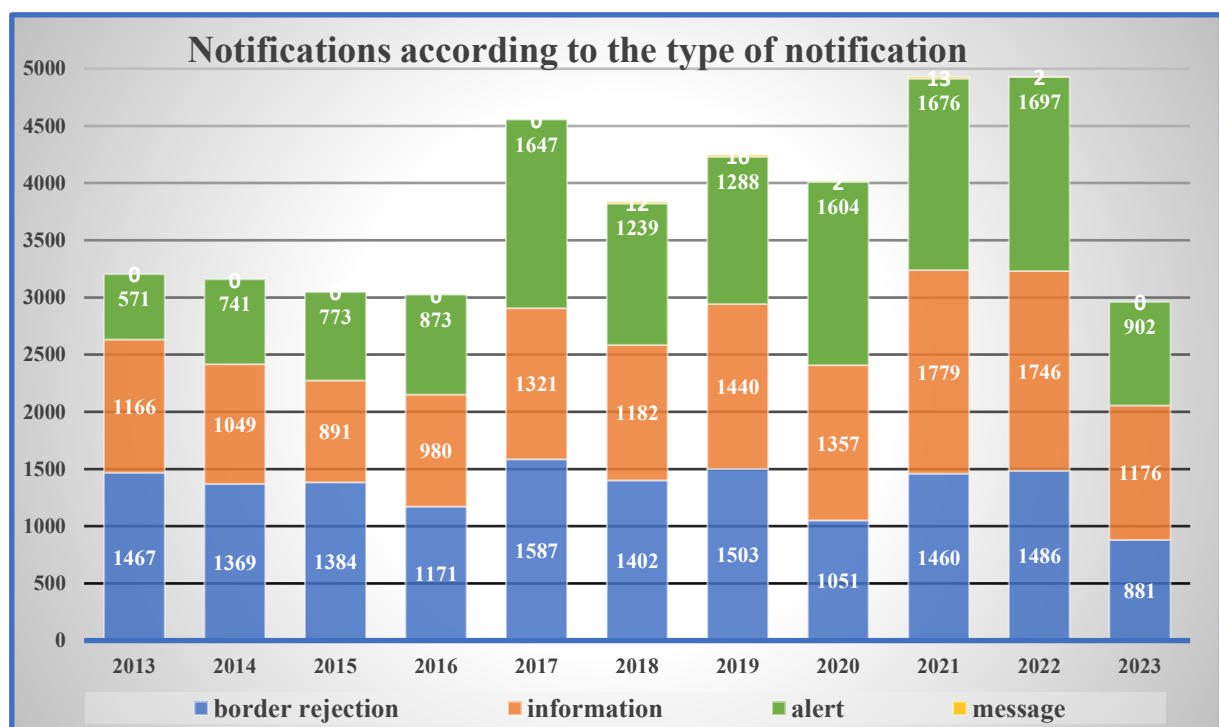
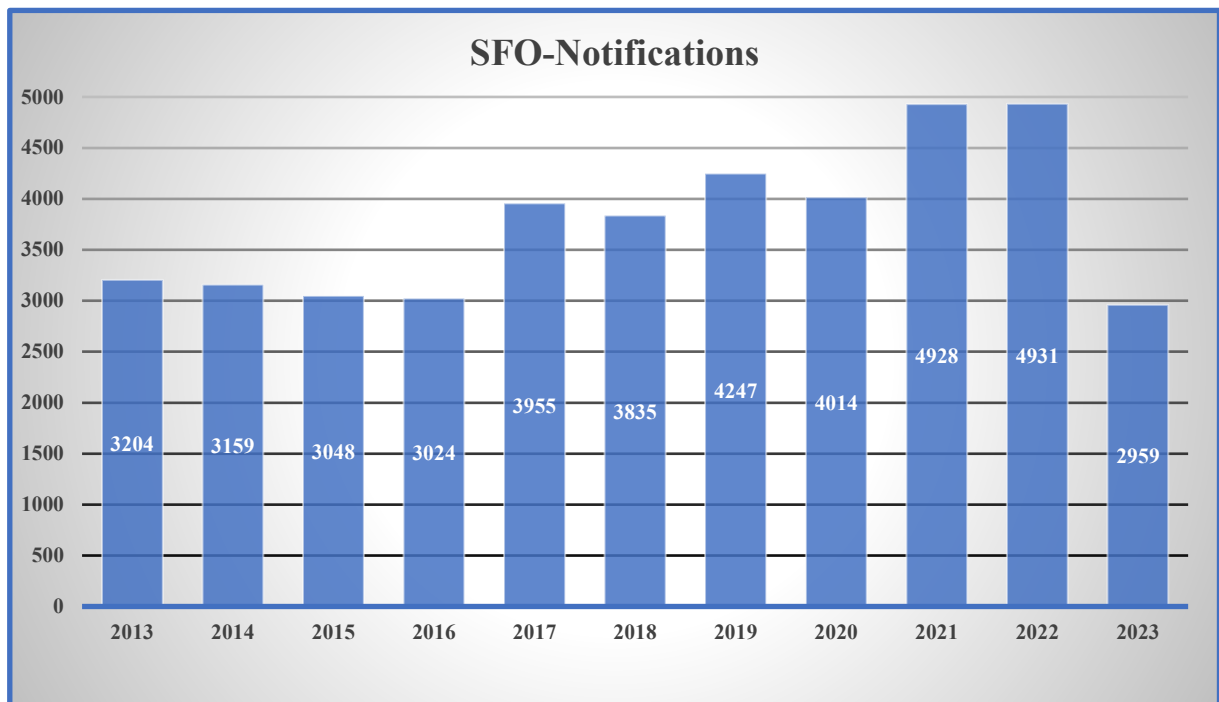
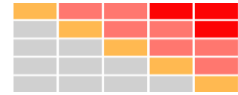




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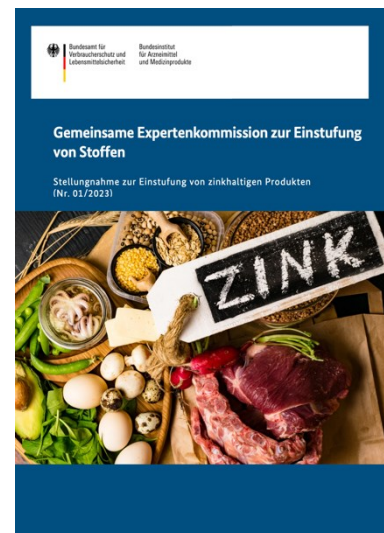
Dear Safefood-Online users,

In July we had 410 new notifications in the Safefood Online database. You will find the evaluation under point 1 in this newsletter.

Last month a new Regulation was published with amendments to residues of nicotine. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) published statements on mineral oil residues (MOSH/ MOAH) and glyphosate.

The latest news around Food Safety and Food Fraud you can find under point 3 and 4.

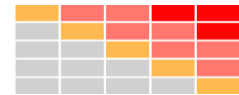
On July 03, 2023, a Joint Expert Commission of the German Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) and the Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM) published a [statement on the classification of zinc-containing products](#) on the homepage of the BVL. The expert commission concludes that "the range between a nutritionally useful intake and an excessively high intake of concern is relatively small." Based on the tolerable daily intake (UL) of 25 mg/day derived by EFSA, this can already be exceeded by the general diet. In the case of high-dose dietary supplements, the expert committee considers the classification as unsafe food.



Source: German BVL

We hope that this issue of the Safefood-Online Newsletter will also be of interest to you and, of course, we welcome your opinion, as this is the only way we can improve.

Your Safefood-Online Team

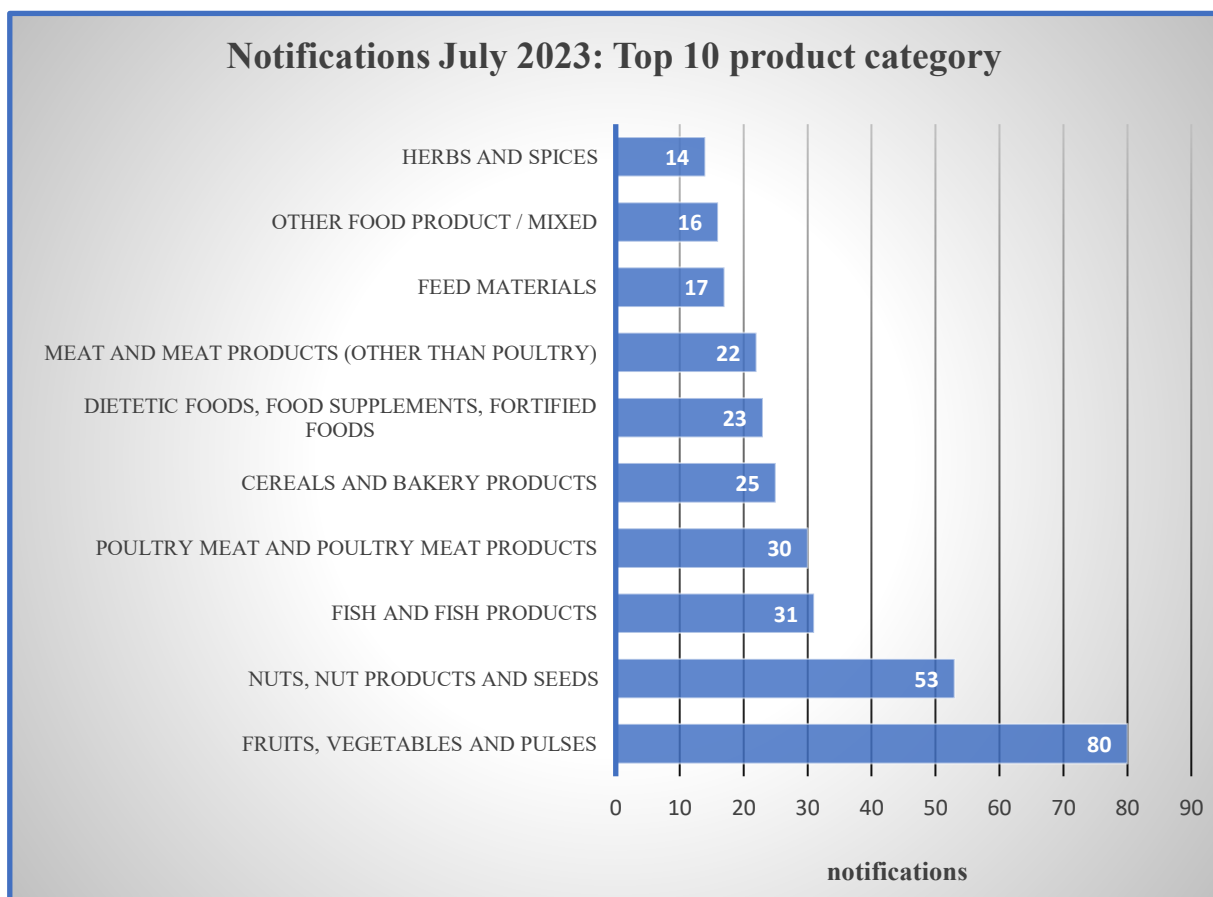


1 Notifications in Safefood Online: July 2023

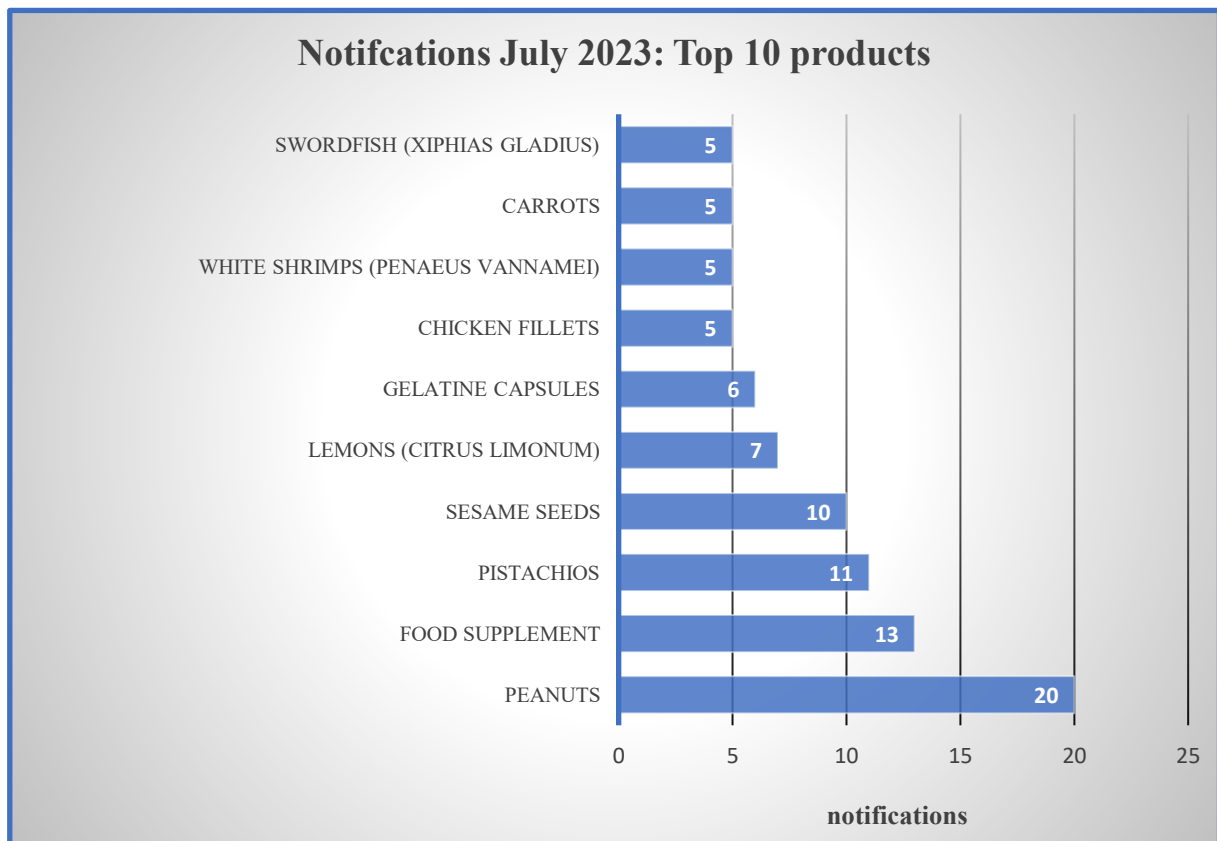
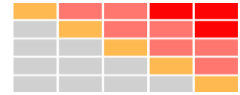
The number of new notifications in Safefood Online is with 410 notifications on the same level compared to June (413 notifications). The notifications from July 2023 are divided into 116 alert notifications, 124 border rejection notifications and 170 information notifications.

Note: Only the RASFF notifications are included in the comparison, as the notifications from the EU Monthly Food Fraud Summary Report are not published until the middle of the following month.

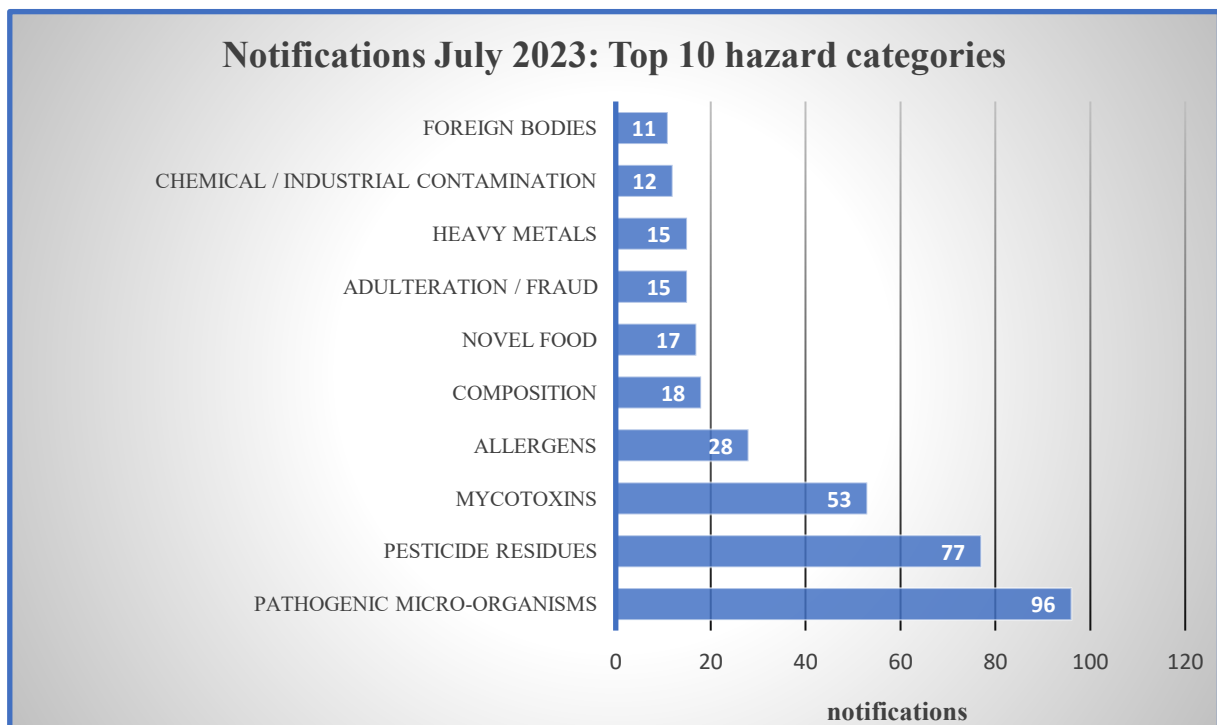
In first place in the evaluation by product category is the product category fruit, vegetables and legumes with 80 notifications. 57 notifications concerned findings of pesticides. As in June, around 50% (27 notifications) were due to chlorpyrifos residues. The product group nuts, nut products and seeds is following in second place with 53 notifications. Fish and fish products are in third place (31 notifications):

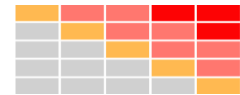


In July, peanuts are ranking first in the evaluation by products with 20 notifications. All notifications are concerning residues of mycotoxins. This is followed by food supplements in second place with 13 and pistachios with 11 notifications. Also in this case, all notifications were due to residues of mycotoxins:

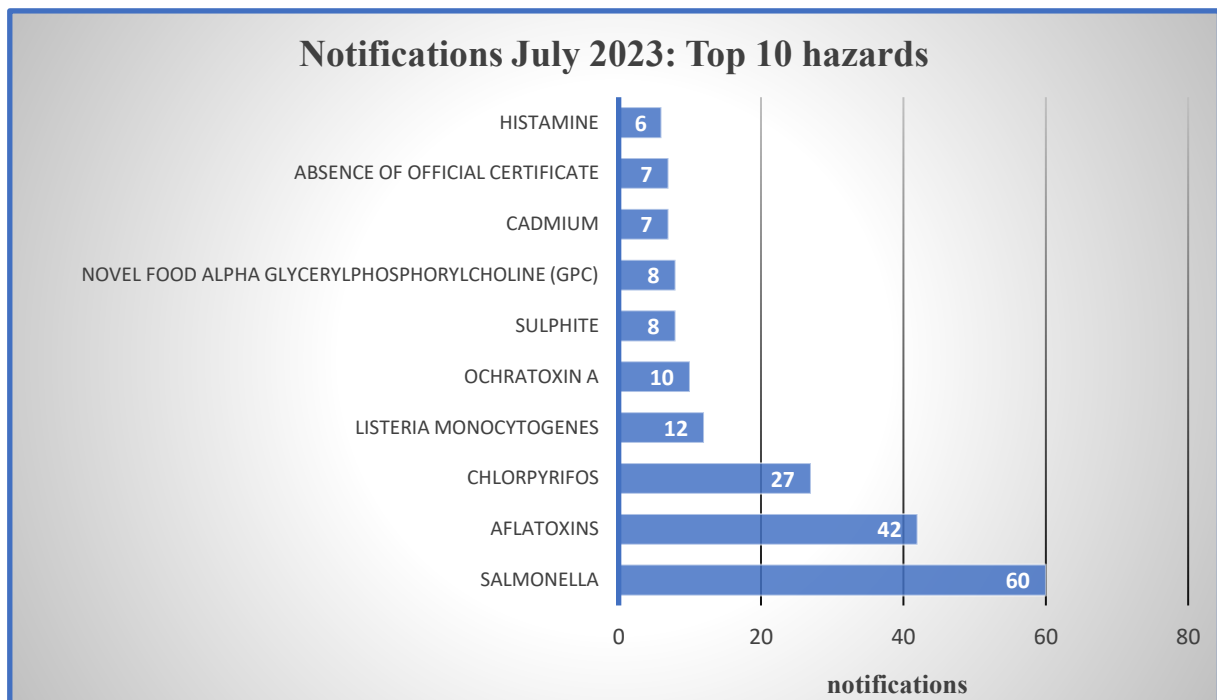


In the evaluation of the notifications according to hazard categories, pathogenic micro-organisms are at the top with 96 notifications, with 60 notifications on Salmonella and 12 notifications on Listeria monocytogenes. This is followed by the hazard category pesticides with 77 reports and mycotoxins with 53 reports:



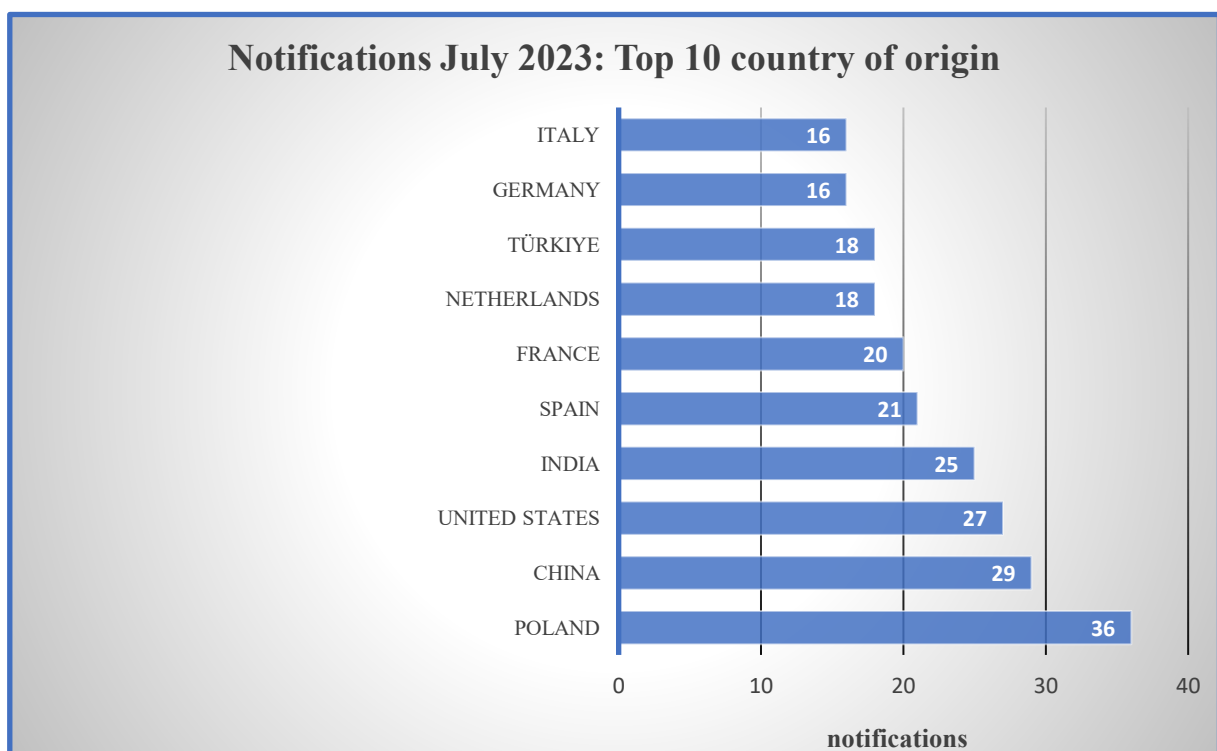


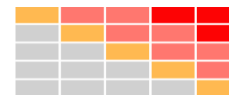
The evaluation of the notifications according to hazards gives the following picture:



According to hazards, the highest number of notifications in July were related to salmonella (60 notifications). This was followed by notifications concerning aflatoxins (42) and chlorpyrifos (27).

Finally, the evaluation of the notifications according to the country of origin of the products:





In 36 notifications, the products came from Poland. There were 6 notifications concerning food supplements due to the content of L-alpha glycerylphosphorylcholine (novel food). China followed with 29 notifications in second place and the USA with 27 notifications in third place. 8 notifications were received for peanuts and pistachios due to aflatoxins and 4 notifications for almonds (2 notifications due to aflatoxins and one notification each due to moulds and parasitic infestation).

2 Update on pesticides and contaminants

2.1 Regulation (EU) 2023/1536

With [Regulation \(EU\) 2023/377](#), new or amended maximum levels for nicotine residues in food were set (see also Safefood-Online Newsletter February 2023). With [Regulation \(EU\) 2023/1536](#), changes have now again been made to tea (use-by dates) and spices, among other things, following a statement by EFSA. The regulation is valid from September 14, 2023.

2.2 Mineral oil residues (MOSH/ MOAH) in food

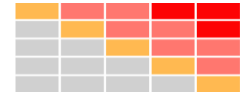
The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) recently revised the [risk analysis on mineral oil residues in food](#) and concluded that the current intake levels of saturated mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOSH) via food do not give rise to health concerns. However, EFSA believes that intakes of aromatic mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOAH) are too high, particularly for infants and children. See also the [communication 35/2023](#) of July 27, 2023, and the [FAQ](#) updated on July 31, 2023 from the German BfR.

2.3 Glyphosate: Update

In December 2022, the European Commission extended the approval of glyphosate with [Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2364](#) for one year until December 15, 2023. On July 6, EFSA communicated its [conclusions](#) from the peer review of the risk assessment to the European Commission and the EU member states: No critical areas of concern were identified regarding the effects of glyphosate on human and animal health and the environment. However, some data gaps are listed as issues that the EU Commission and EU member states should consider in the next phase of the approval process. The full conclusions are expected to be published in the coming weeks, as well as background documents by mid-October 2023. See also the [EFSA factsheet](#) on glyphosate.

On 06 July, the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) also published a [communication on glyphosate](#).

Further information on [EFSA's topic page on glyphosate](#) as well as on the [homepage of the European Chemicals Agency](#).



3 NEWS – Food Safety

[WHO: Aspartame hazard and risk assessment released](#)

[German BfR: Sweeteners in food - selected questions and answers](#)

[Aspartame appraisal: "no immediate action required" but reformulation likely as consumer concern continues](#)

[Sweden: rise in foodborne infections in 2022](#)

[EFSA: Glyphosate - no critical areas of concern, data gaps identified](#)

[Kiwifruit's allergy in Children: What do we know?](#)

[UK: Salmonella outbreak linked to eggs from Poland](#)

[Effects of insects consumption on human health: a systematic review](#)

[Canada: recall of macadamia nuts because of Salmonella contamination](#)

[EU: Proposal for a Regulation on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques](#)

[German DFG And Leopoldina: Statement regarding the proposal of the EU Commission for an EU Regulation on plants obtained by new genomic techniques](#)

[Spain: Botulism outbreak linked to packaged potato omelette](#)

[UK: hundreds of Salmonella cases after travel to Türkiye](#)

[ECDC/ EFSA Report on multi-country outbreak of Salmonella Senftenberg ST 14, possibly linked to cherry-like tomatoes](#)

4 NEWS – Food Fraud

[Finland: Large quantities of unrefrigerated meat being brought into the country without any documentation](#)

[Australia: Recalled batch of poppy seeds mistakenly found in the supply chain](#)

[UK: National Food Crime Unit seeks more powers to investigate fraud](#)

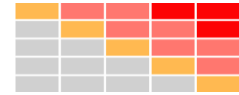
[UK: Cheap waste meat that should have been used in pet food to the public](#)

[EU operation Opson: More arrests in follow-up operation into sale of expired products](#)

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[USA: Pork and beef bean stew products recalled because products were ineligible for import](#)

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