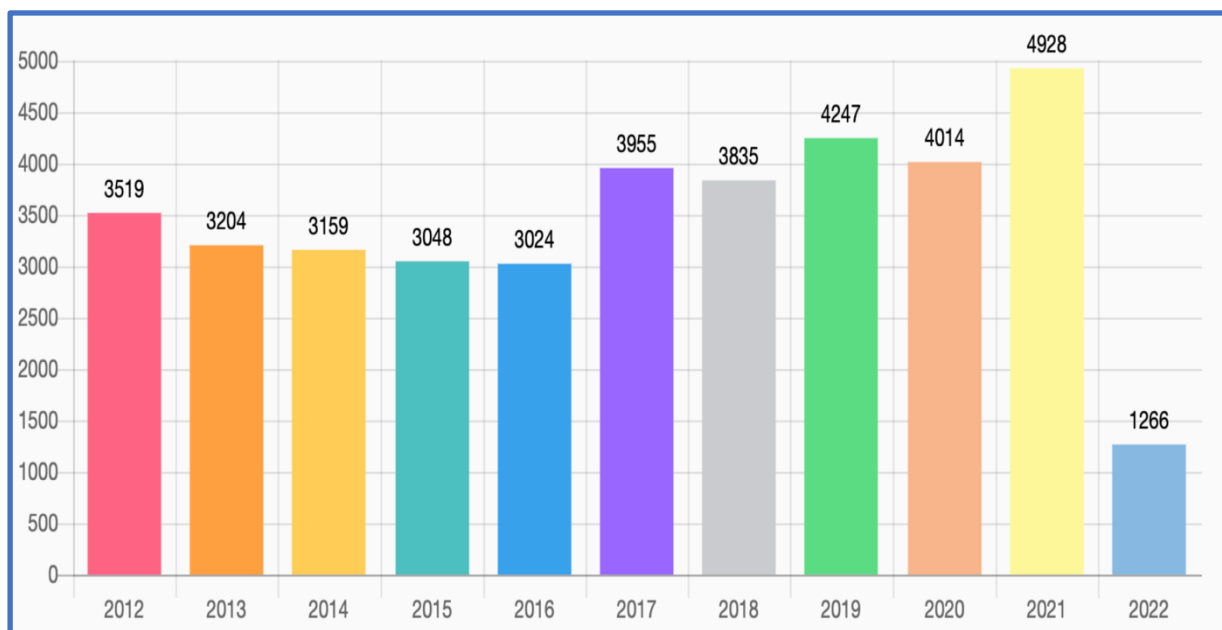


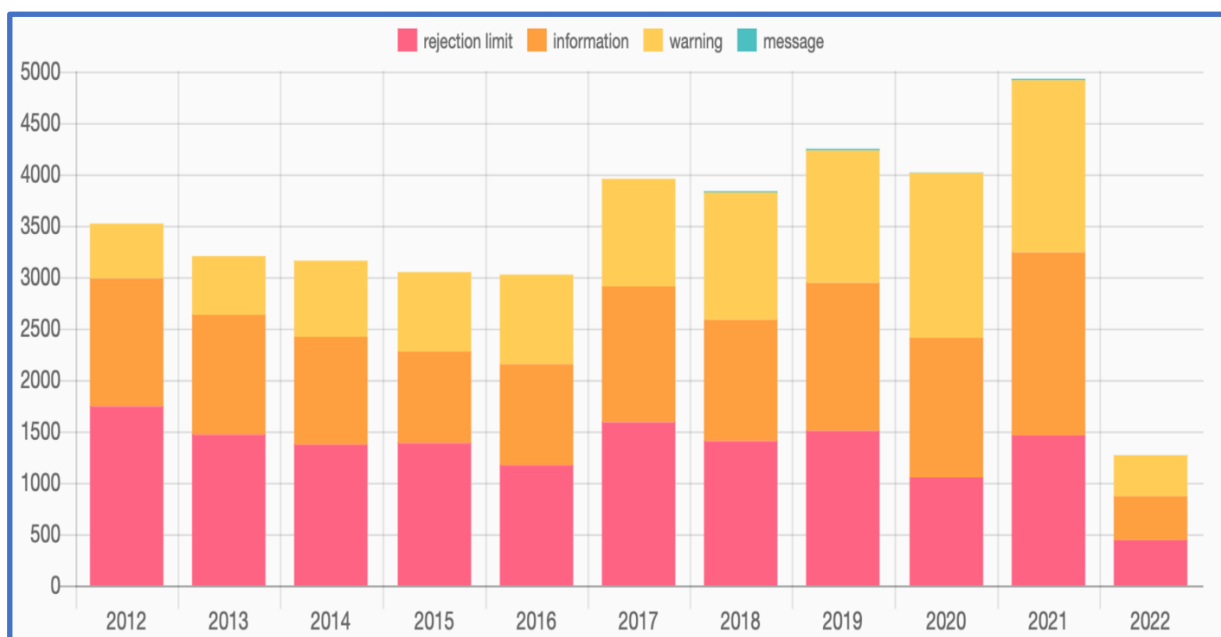


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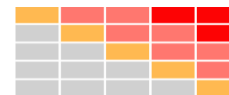
## Newsletter



RASFF notifications and notifications from the Monthly Food Fraud Summary Reports (EU)



Notifications according to the type of notification (from the dashboard on [www.safefood.online.de](http://www.safefood.online.de))



Dear Safefood-Online users,

In the new issue of our Safefood Online Newsletter we discuss further changes in maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pesticides as well as the planned maximum levels for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta 9-THC) in hemp seeds and products made thereof. In the evaluation of the notifications in Safefood Online, we have also included the countries of origin. As usual, you will find interesting links on the topics of food safety and food fraud.

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

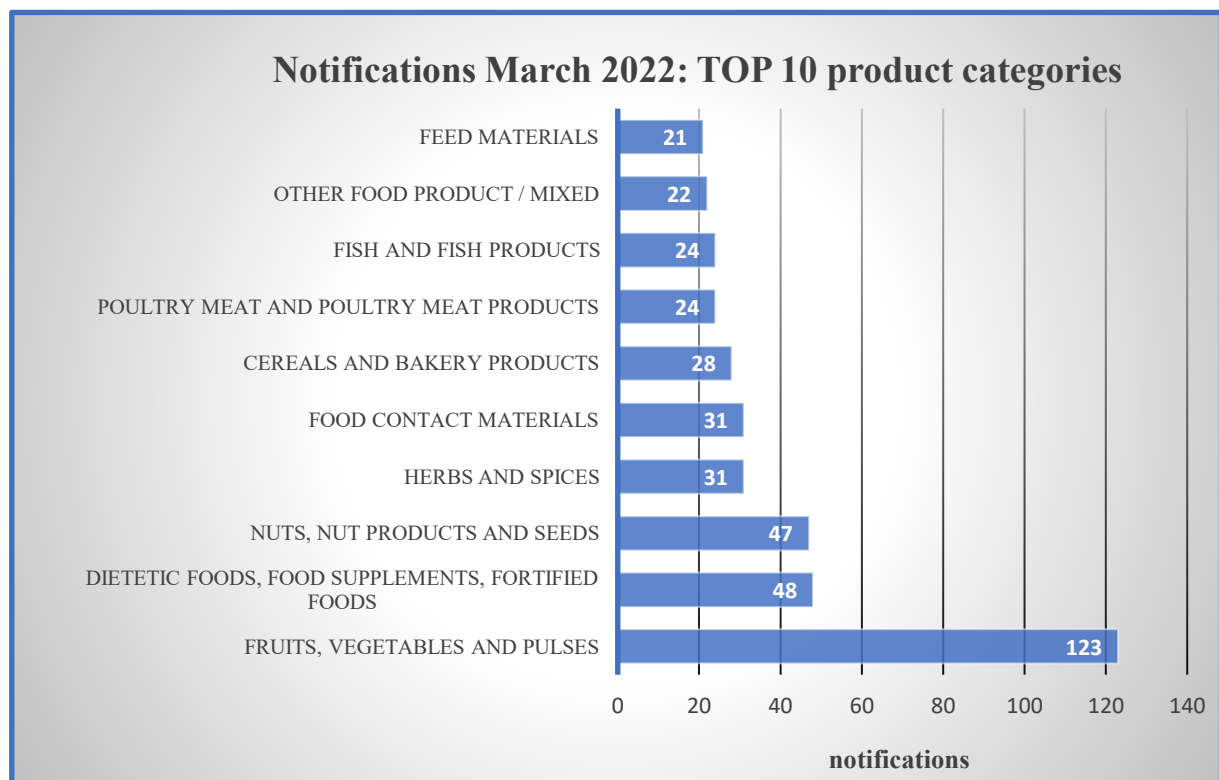
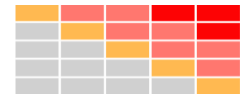
## **1 Notifications in Safefood Online: March 2022**

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Compared to February 2022 (354 notifications), the Safefood-Online database recorded significantly more notifications in March 2022 with an increase of 130 to 484 notifications.

*Note: The comparison only takes into account the RASFF notifications, as the notifications from the EU Monthly Food Fraud Summary Report are not available before the middle of the following month.*

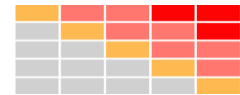
Most notifications were again in the product group fruit, vegetables and pulses with 123 notifications, of which 63 were on chlorpyrifos (with chlorpyrifos-ethyl and chlorpyrifos-methyl). Dietary foods, food supplements and fortified foods (48 notifications) and nuts, nut products and seeds (47 notifications) were in second and third place:



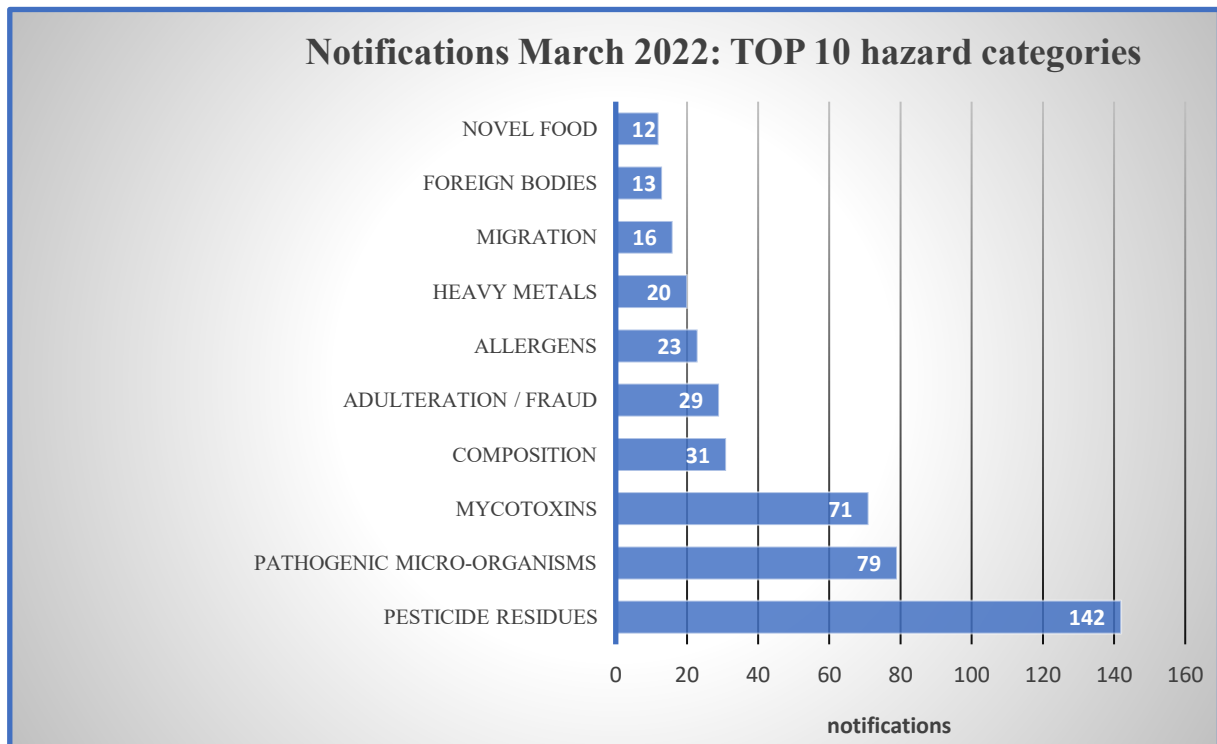
The evaluation by product gives the following figure:



Food supplements remain in first place in the TOP 10 by product with 36 notifications. Peanuts are following with 20 notifications, lemons and grapefruits with 15 and 14 notifications. Except for two cases, the notifications for lemons and grapefruits are all due to chlorpyrifos.

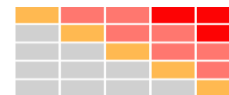


Pesticides are by far in first place in the TOP 10 according to hazard categories with 142 notifications: 66 cases were caused by chlorpyrifos and 30 cases by ethylene oxide/ 2-chloroethanol). Pathogenic micro-organisms with 79 notifications and mycotoxins with 71 notifications are following in second and third place:



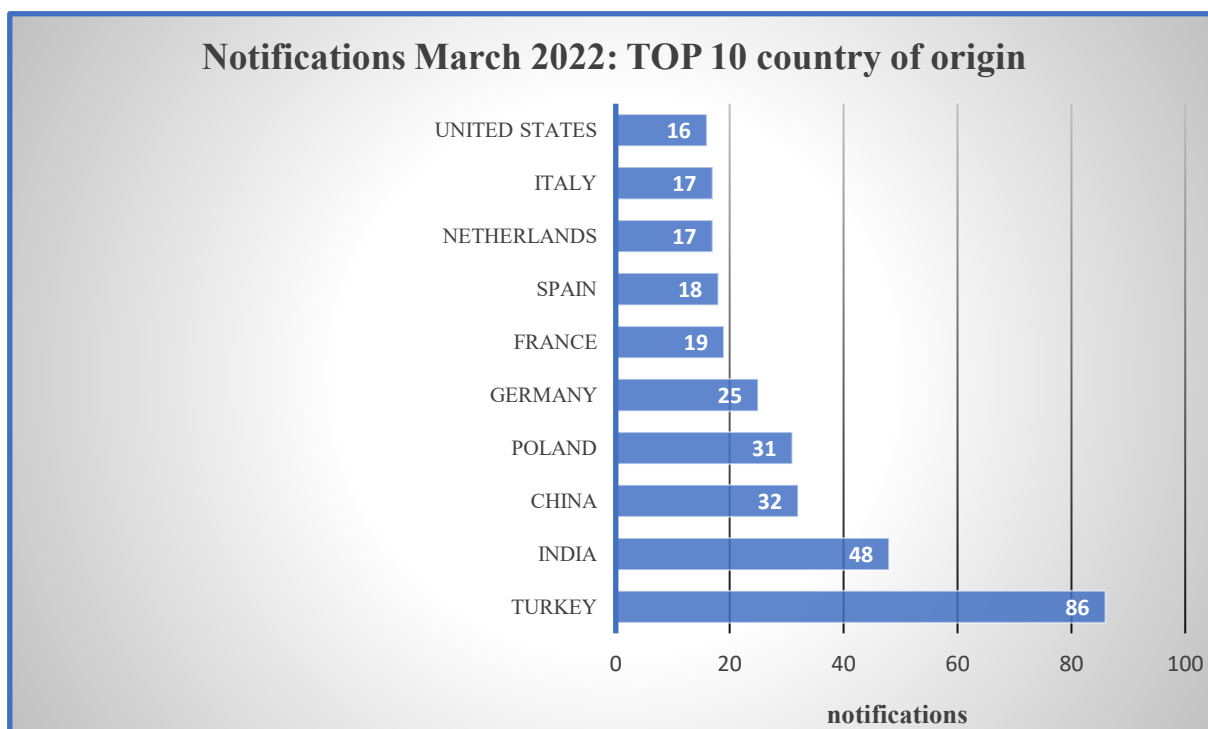
The TOP 10 hazards results in the following order for March 2022:





Compared to February, notifications of chlorpyrifos increased again significantly in March and are in first place of the TOP 10 by hazard with 66 notifications (February: 44 notifications). Aflatoxins follow in second place with 62 notifications and in third place are notifications due to salmonella findings (50 notifications). In 4th place are notifications concerning ethylene oxide/ 2-chloroethanol (30 notifications).

From this month on, you will also receive an evaluation of the notifications according to the country of origin:



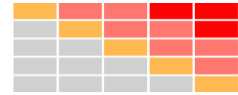
Most of the products with notifications in March 2022 came from Turkey (86 notifications). Especially lemons, grapefruits, mandarins, peppers and oranges were concerned - in nearly all cases the notifications were due to chlorpyrifos.

## 2 Pesticides and Contaminants

### 2.1 Maximum residue levels for pesticides

On 25 March 2022, [Regulation \(EU\) 2022/476](#) was published amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) 396/2005 as regards the maximum residue levels of:

- acetic acid
- azoxystrobin
- benzovindiflupyr
- cytraniliprole
- cyflufenamid
- emamectin



- flutolanil
- lime sulphur
- maltodextrin
- proquinazid

in or on certain products.

For further information on the changes, please refer to the respective linked regulation texts.

## **2.2 Maximum levels for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-9-THC) in hemp seeds and products derived therefrom**

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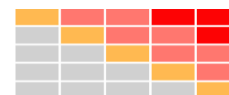
At EU level, there is a draft regulation amending Regulation (EC) 1881/2006 on maximum levels for delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta9-THC):

[Draft regulation](#)  
[Annex](#)

The draft regulation is laying down the following maximum levels:

Hemp seeds:	3.0 mg/kg THC
hemp seeds, ground, (partly)	3.0 mg/ kgTHC
defatted hemp seed and other	
products from hemp seeds, without hemp seed oil	
hemp seed oil	7.5 mg/ kg THC

According to the current status, the new maximum levels for THC in hemp are to apply from 01 January 2023.

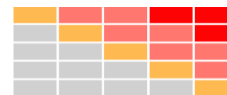


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