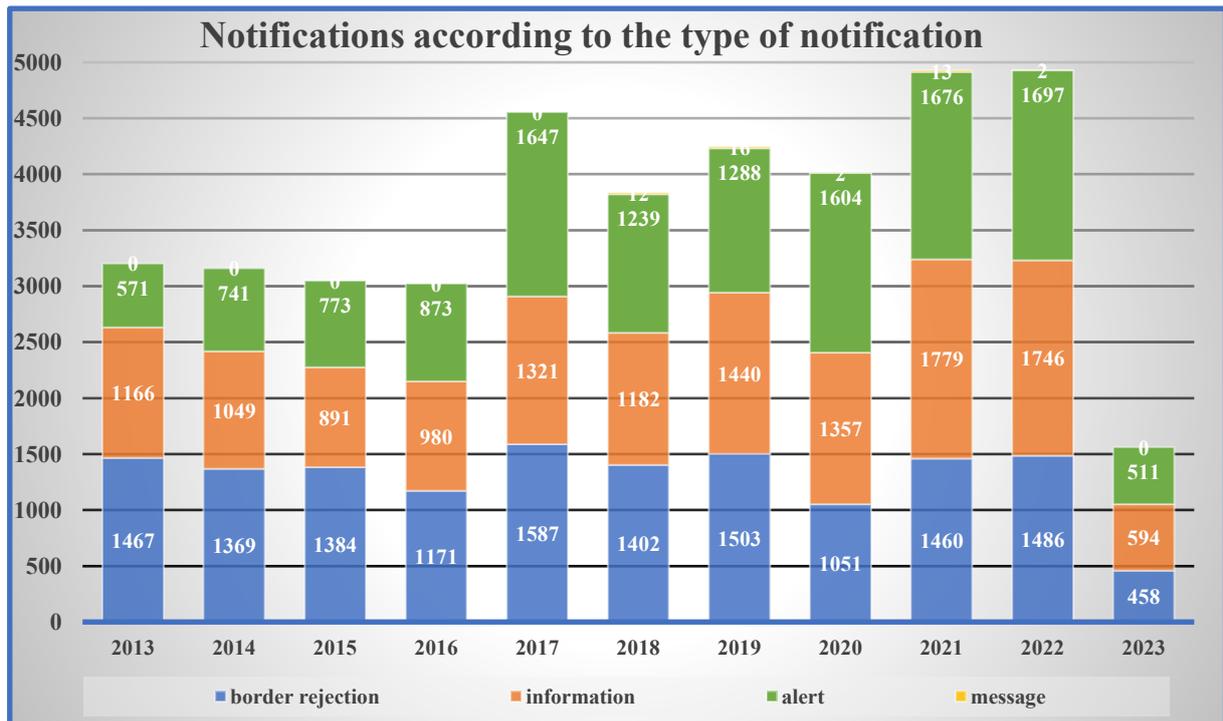
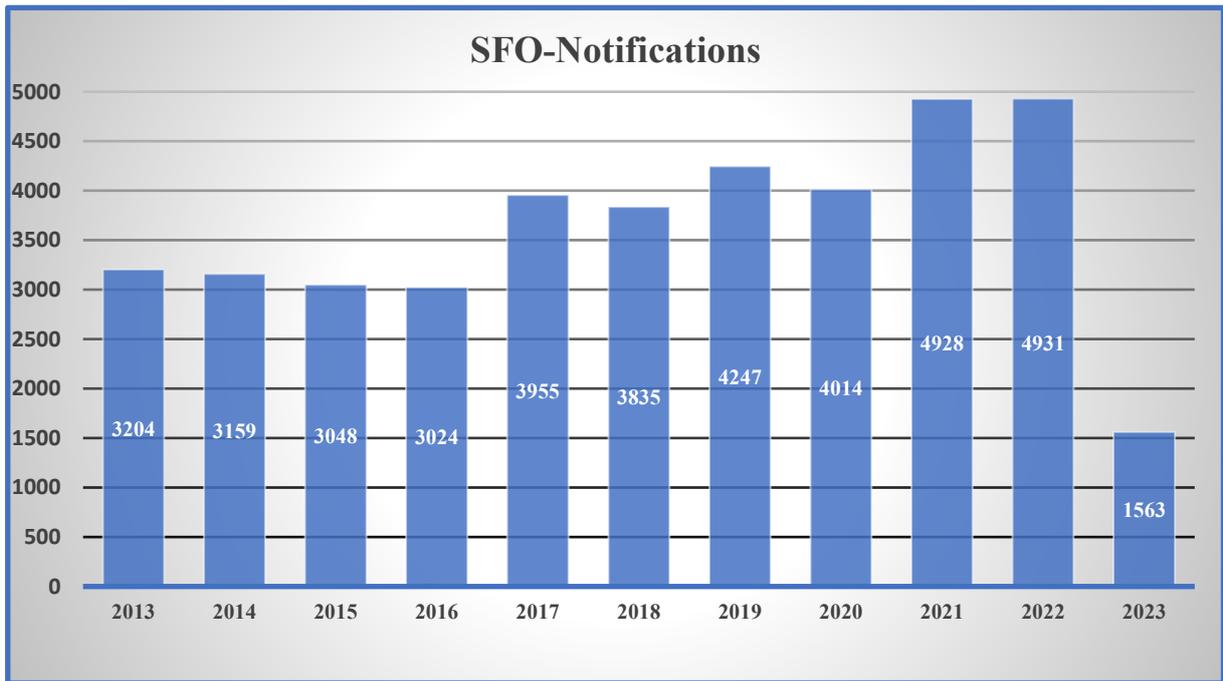
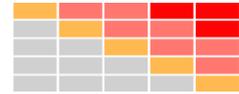


Safefood-Online Newsletter





Dear Safefood-Online users,

In April, there were 306 new notifications in Safefood Online. You will find the evaluation of the notifications again under point 1.

Under point 2 "News on pesticides and contaminants" we inform you about an EU regulation with changed or new maximum residue levels of pesticides as well as about statements of EFSA and BfR on nitrosamines and bisphenol A. We also inform about the new EFSA report for 2021 regrading pesticide residues.

Under points 3 and 4 we have again summarized the latest news from the media on the topics of Food Safety and Food Fraud.

Last but not least:

The Belgian customs destroyed 2000 cans of beer of the American brand "Miller High Life" because of the use of the name "Champagne": the beer has been advertised since 1969 with the slogan "The champagne among beers" and should now be exported to the EU.

"Champagne" is a protected designation of origin (PDO) and is represented by the Comité Interprofessionnel du Vin de Champagne -CIVC).

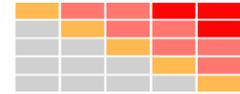
The screenshot displays the 'Champagne' entry in the Safefood-Online database. It includes the following information:

- Countries of origin:** France
- Type:** Protected Designation of Origin (PDO)
- Priority date:** 18/09/1973
- File number:** PDO-FR-A1359
- Product type:** Wine
- Basis of protection:** EU register
- Status:** Registered
- Product category:** Wine
- Legal instrument of protection at EU level:** Article 107 of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013
- Single document/Summary/Technical file:** Ares(2011)1397256
- Publications:** Ares(2016)7145188, Official Journal C 432, 14.12.2020
- Amendment:** pending
- Country authorities:** Institut national de l'origine et de la qualité (INAO), 12 rue Henri Rol-Tanguy - TSA 30003, 93555 Montreuil Cedex, France, +33 1 73 30 38 00, https://www.inao.gov.fr/

Further information on protected designations can be found on [GView](#).

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

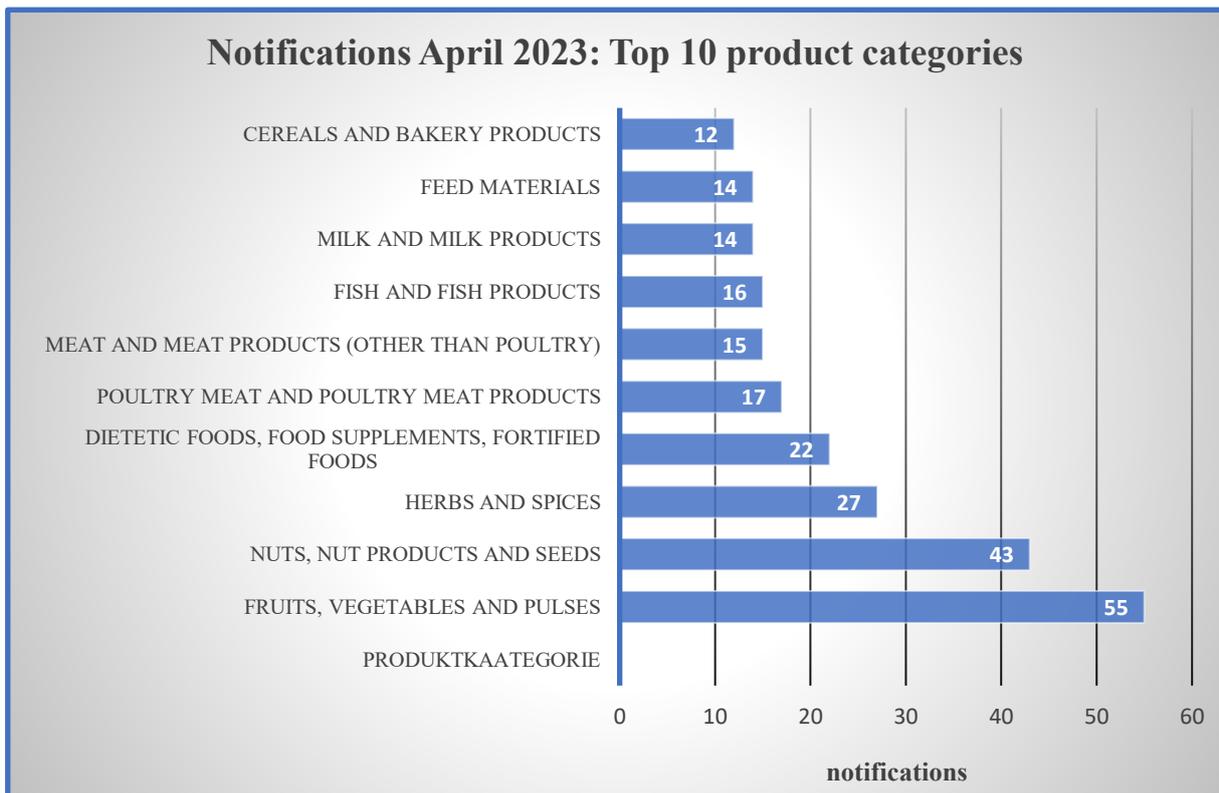


1 Notifications in Safefood Online: April 2023

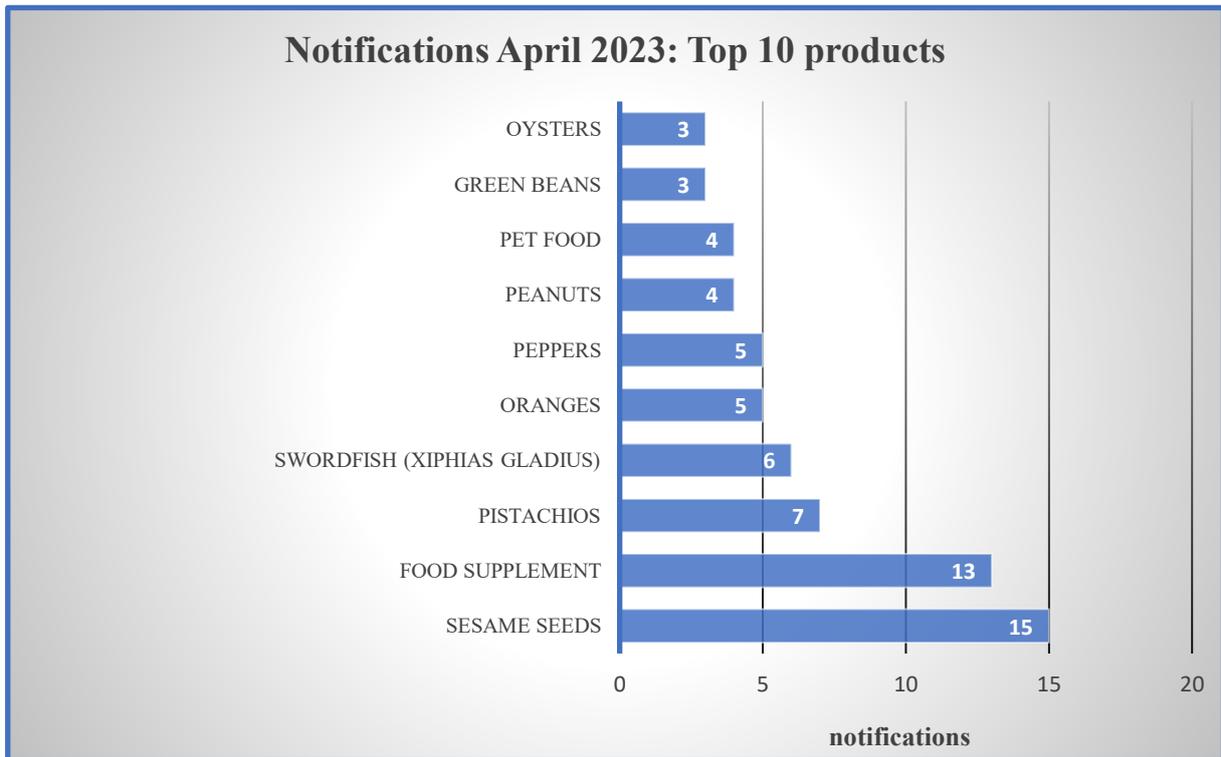
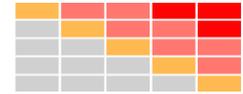
In April, Safefood-Online recorded 306 new entries, significantly fewer than in March (432) and February (382).

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

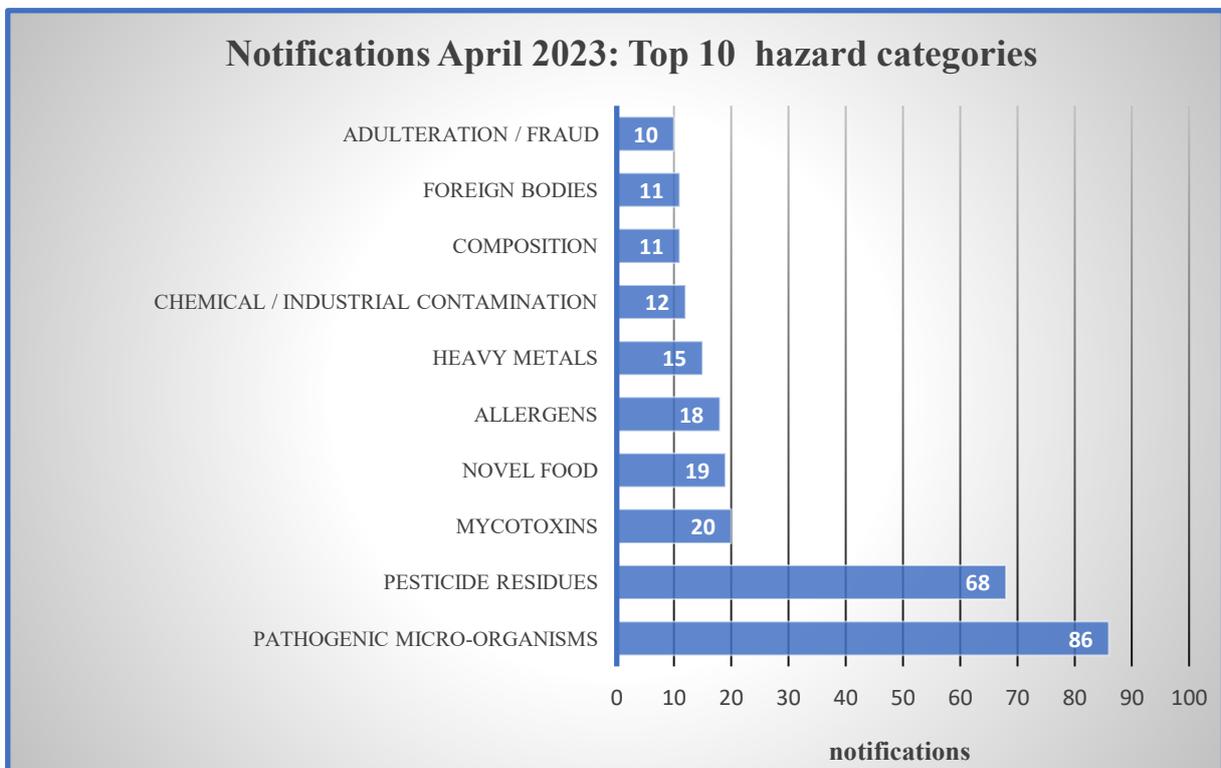
Fruit, vegetables and pulses were again in first place with 55 notifications in the evaluation of notifications by product group. Most of the notifications (48) concerned findings of pesticides (including 13 notifications on chlorpyrifos). This is followed by nuts, nut products and seeds in second place with 43 notifications with 15 notifications on mycotoxins and 15 notifications on pathogenic microorganisms. 9 of the 15 notifications were due to salmonella. In third place is the product group herbs and spices. In this product group, chlorpyrifos or salmonella was the cause of the reports in 6 cases:



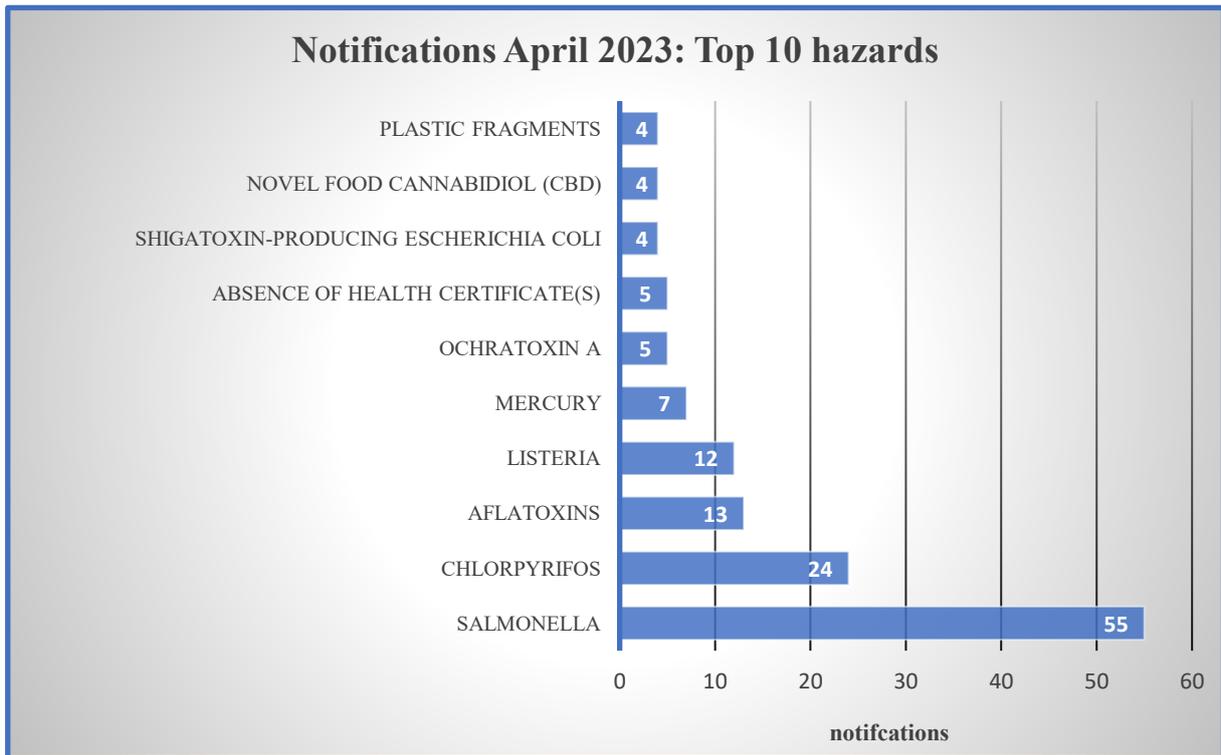
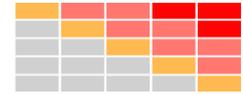
By product, sesame seeds have the highest number of notifications (15), followed by food supplements with 13 notifications and pistachios with 7 notifications:



In the evaluation of the notifications according to hazard categories, pathogenic microorganisms are in the lead in April with 86 notifications, 33 are due to Salmonella findings. This is followed by pesticides (68 notifications) and mycotoxins (20 notifications):

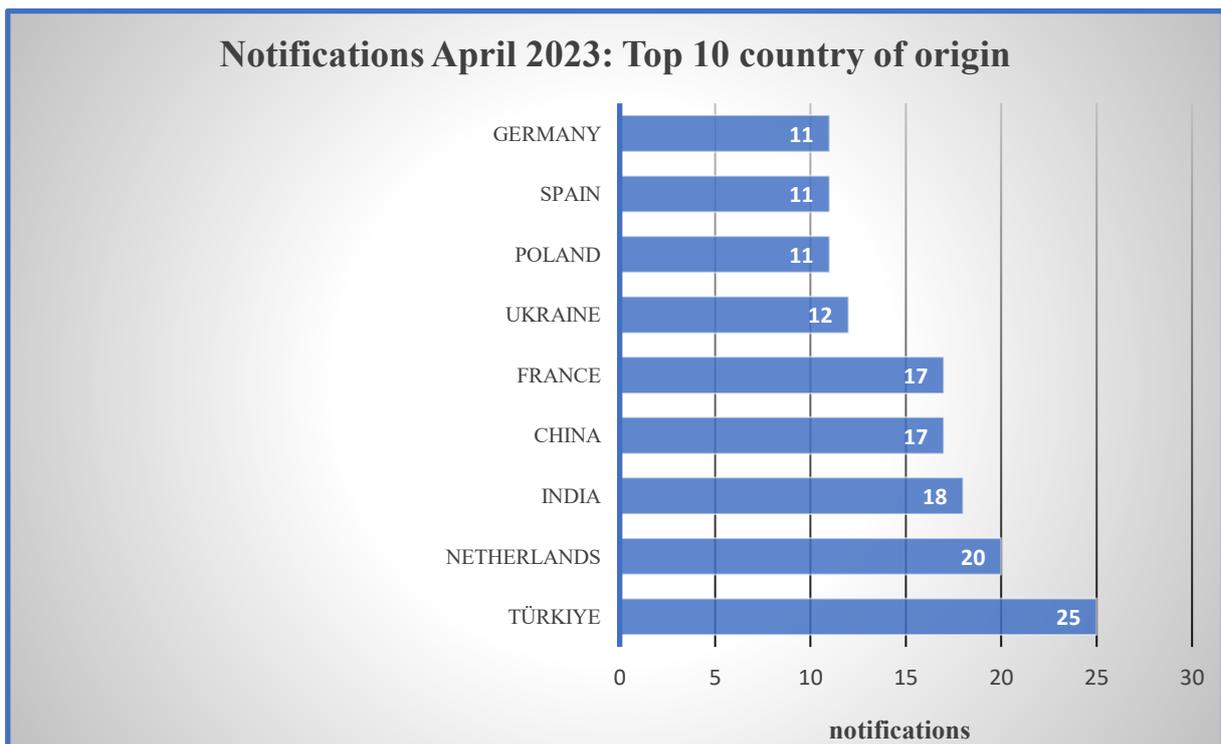


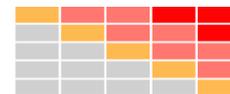
The evaluation of the notifications according to hazards gives the following picture:



At the top are notifications of Salmonella (55 notifications), chlorpyrifos (24 notifications) and aflatoxins (13 notifications).

Finally, the evaluation of the notifications according to the country of origin of the products. Most products came from Turkey (25 notifications), the Netherlands (20 notifications) and India (18 notifications):





2 Update on pesticides and contaminants

2.1 Regulation (EU) 2023/710

[Regulation 2023/710](#), published on March 31, 2023, amended Annexes II, III and V of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 as regards maximum residue levels of:

- ⇒ bromopropylate
- ⇒ chloridazon
- ⇒ fenpropimorph
- ⇒ imazaquin
- ⇒ tralkoxydim

in or on certain articles. For further information please refer to the linked text of the regulation.

2.2 Nitrosamines

On March 28, 2023, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published an [opinion on the health risks of nitrosamines in food](#) (see also the [SFO-Newsletter March 2023](#)). In its [communication](#), the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) summarizes the results and shares EFSA's view that "dietary exposure to nitrosamines (P95; high consumption of foods containing nitrosamines) is very likely to indicate a health risk for all age groups, even taking into account the existing uncertainties".

2.3 Bisphenol A in food

Bisphenol A (BPA) is used, for example, in polycarbonate plastic, which is used to make water dispensers, food containers and reusable beverage bottles. The substance is also used to make epoxy resins that serve as protective coatings and linings for food and beverage cans and containers.

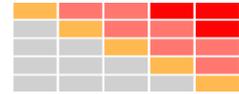
On April 19, 2023, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published a [re-evaluation of BPA](#). In 2015, EFSA had set a temporary tolerable intake (TDI) of 4 micrograms per kilogram of body weight per day. In the current reassessment, this TDI has now been reduced by a factor of 20,000 to 0.2 nanograms per kilogram of body weight per day.

In its [statement](#) published on April 19, 2023, the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR) does not support this new TDI due to several scientific and methodical divergences and proposes a TDI value of 0.2 micrograms per kg body weight per day after evaluation of the scientific data.

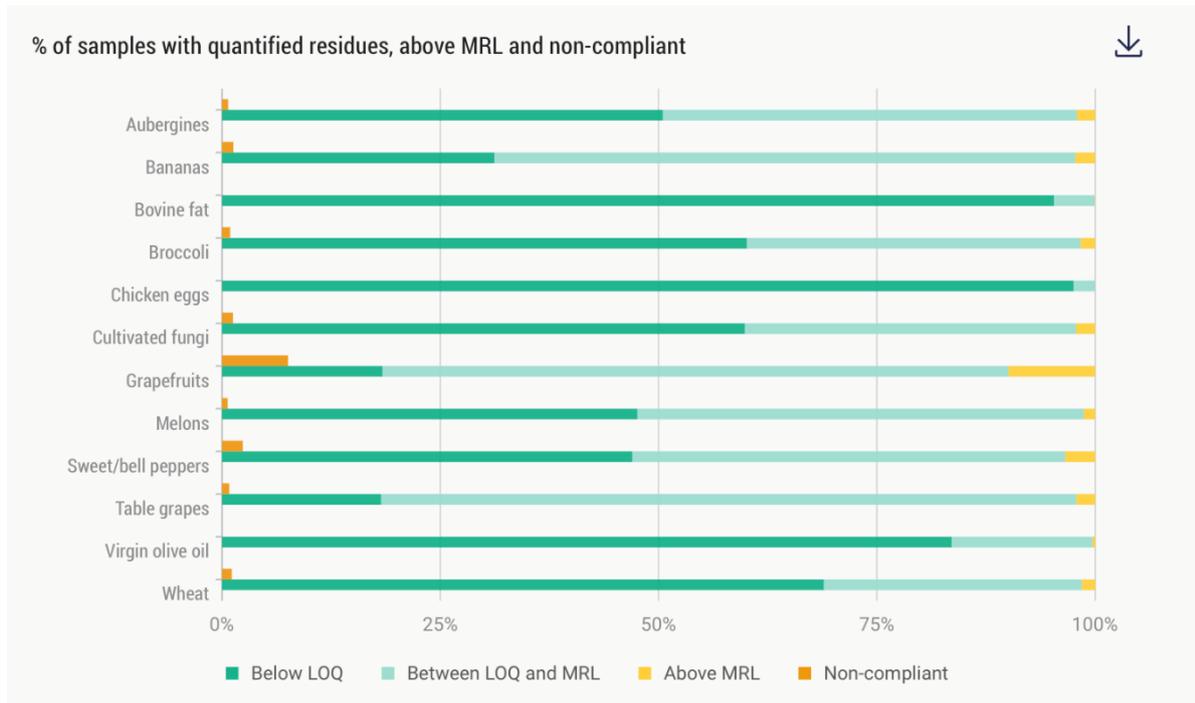
2.4 EFSA-report 2021 regarding pesticides residues in food

EFSA has published a [report on pesticide residues in food in 2021](#):

The report provides an overview of official controls on pesticide residues in EU Member States, Iceland and Norway. It summarizes the results of both the EU coordinated multi-annual control program (EU MACP) and the national control program (MANCP).



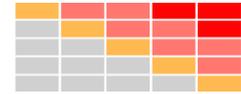
The EU MACP covers the foods most commonly consumed by EU citizens (Regulation (EU) 2005/585). 13.550 samples (97,7%) were within the legal limits:



(source: EFSA: EU-MACP 2021)

The 2021 program (both EU MACP and MANCP) included a total of 87.863 samples. 96,1% (84.99 samples) were within the legal limits. In total, the MRLs were exceeded in 3.464 samples (3,9%)

EFSA has prepared a graphical presentation of the data and results of the report for the year 2021, which can be found at this [LINK](#).



3 NEWS – Food Safety

[listeriosis outbreaks and salmon products: a genomic, epidemiological study](#)

[Ireland: Campylobacter, Salmonella, E. coli and Listeria infections increased in 2022](#)

[Norway: raw cow`s milk, a potential source of zoonotic pathogens?](#)

[Large Multicountry Outbreak of Invasive Listeriosis by a Listeria monocytogenes ST394 Clone Linked to Smoked Rainbow Trout, 2020 to 2021](#)

[Spain: Ground cinnamon suspected to sick 30 peoples](#)

[ECDC: antimicrobial resistance in Europe in 2023](#)

[Netherlands, Sweden and Denmark: Allergen-labelling often inaccurate](#)

[EFSA: Safety of the extension of use of partially defatted chia seed powder with high fibre content as a novel food](#)

4 NEWS – Food Fraud

[UK: industry-wide country of origin fraud in pork supply chain](#)

[UK: Inflation increases Food Fraud according to UK's FSA](#)

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[Sugar contamination stings honey imports in Europe](#)

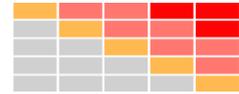
[Canada: Maple syrup fraud undermines the authenticity of Canada's "liquid gold"](#)

[UK at risk of Food Fraud, safety experts are warning](#)

[UK: Review of Food Fraud drivers and mitigation tools](#)

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