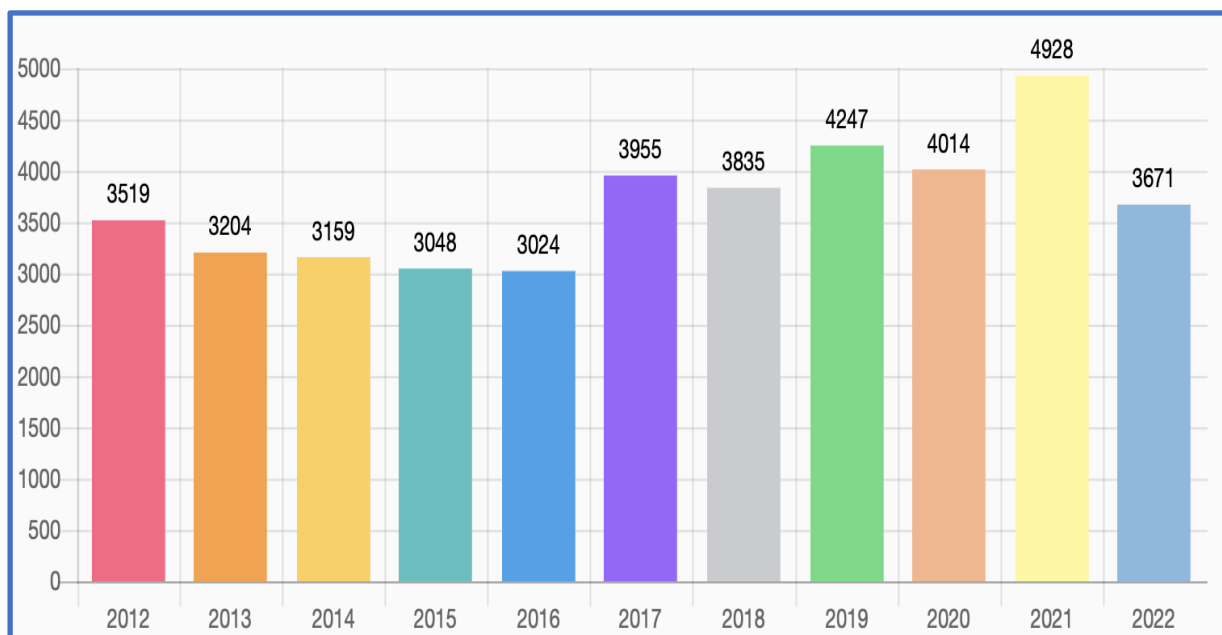


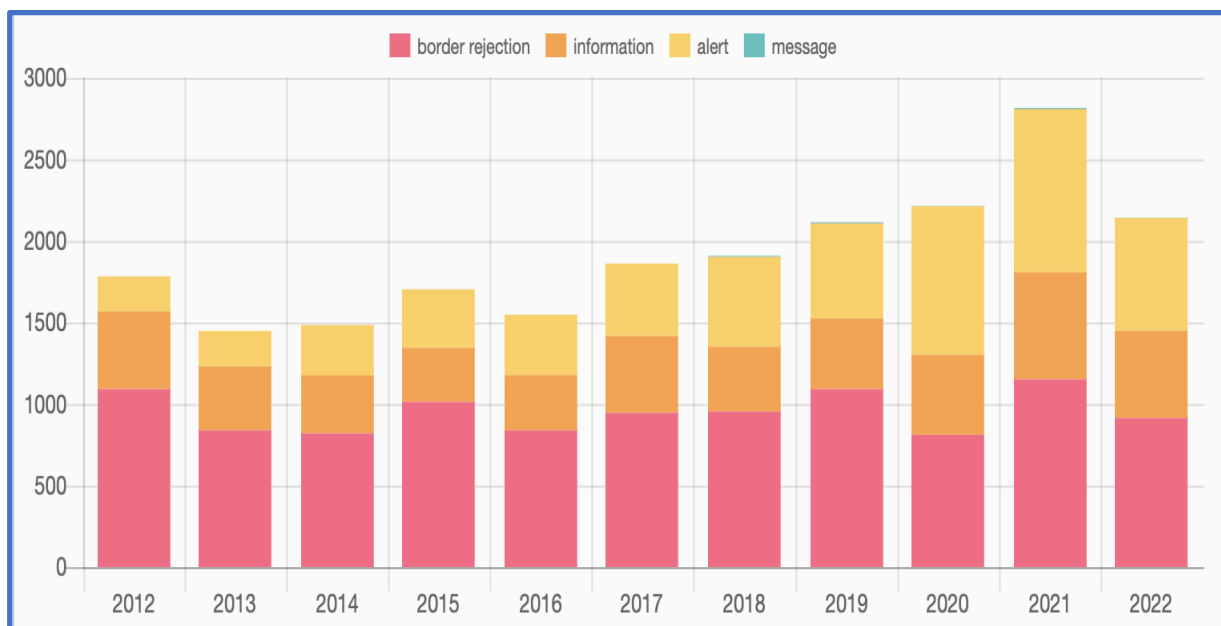


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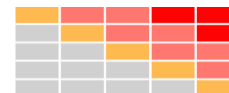
## Newsletter



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 Safefood-Online, there were 346 new notifications in September. A detailed evaluation according to product groups, products, hazard categories, hazards and countries of origin can be found under point 1 in this newsletter.

On September 13, 2022, the 1st update of the EU database on processing factors for pesticide residues was published. We report on this topic under point 2: "Update on pesticides and contaminants".

Under point 3 and 4 you can find news around Food Safety and Food Fraud.

On September 28, 2022, the results of the EFSA-commissioned Euro-barometer survey on food safety was published. The survey was conducted between March 21 and April 20, 2022 in all member states. In total, over 26,509 people participated in the survey.

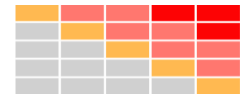
The price of food is the most important (out of 7 factors) in the purchase decision. It is followed by taste and food safety. The percentage of respondents who said food safety was the deciding factor decreased from the last survey in April 2019.

The results of the survey "Food Safety in the EU" can be found [here](#)



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



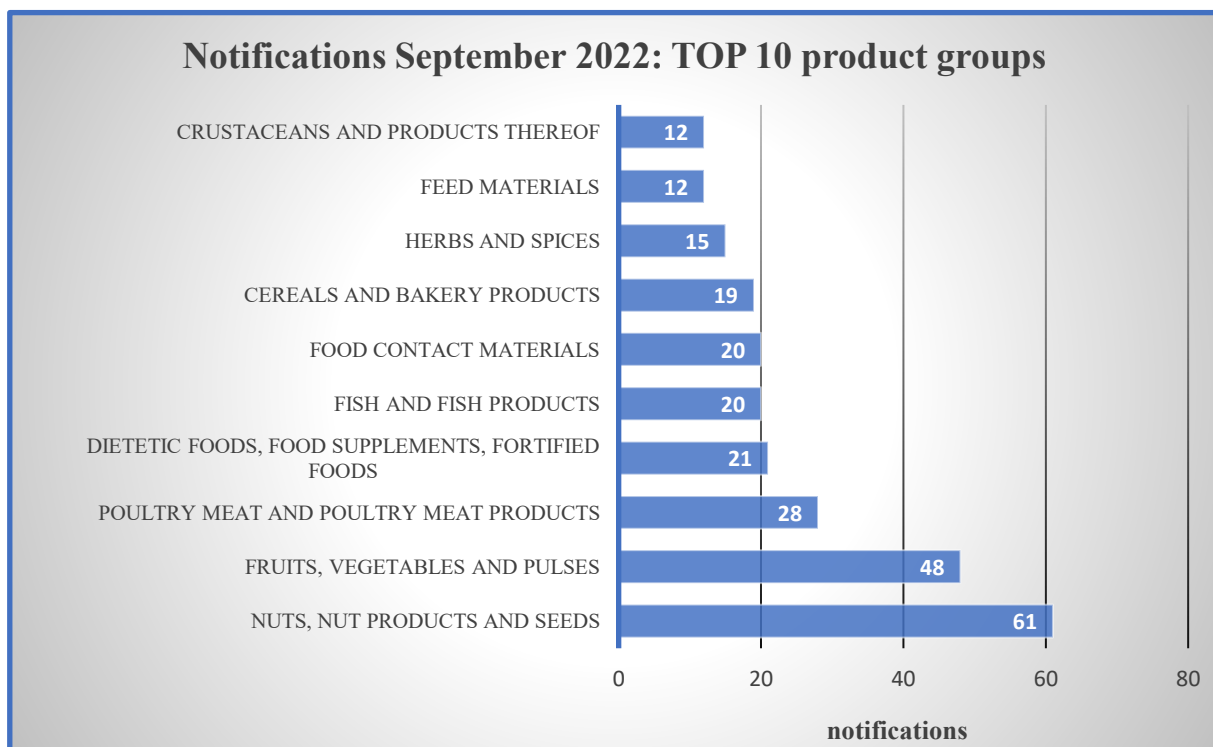
## 1 Notifications in Safefood Online: September 2022

In September 2022, 346 notifications were registered in Safefood-Online, an increase of 19 notifications compared to the previous month.

The large number of notifications for sesame seeds (47 notifications) was due to salmonella findings. In 31 notifications, the sesame seeds originated from Nigeria.

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.

The product category nuts, nut products and seeds recorded the most notifications (61), followed by the product group fruits, vegetables and legumes (48 notifications) and poultry meat and poultry meat products (28 notifications):

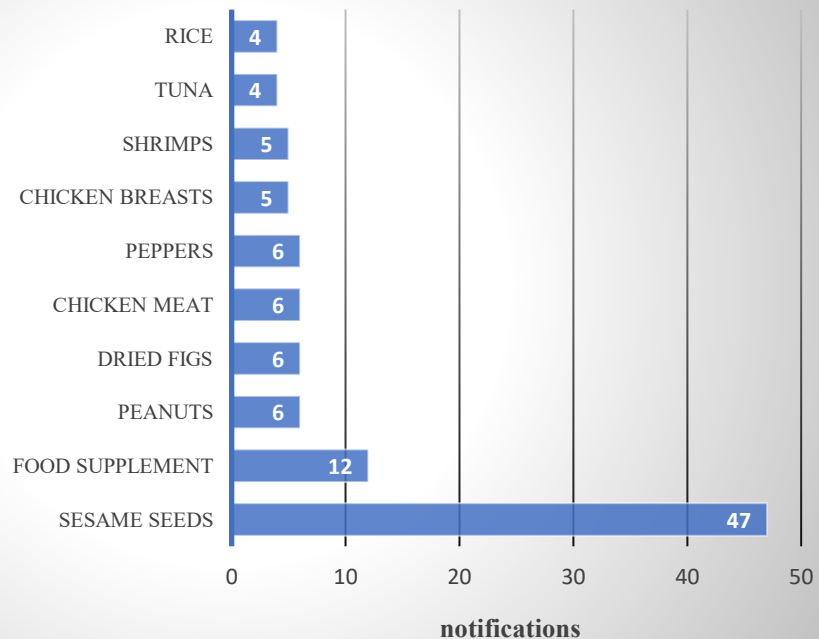


As in August, sesame seeds are clearly at the top of the TOP 10 in the evaluation of notifications by product (47 notifications). Also in September, all notifications are due to salmonella findings.

Food supplements with 12 notifications and peppers with 6 notifications are following in the ranking:

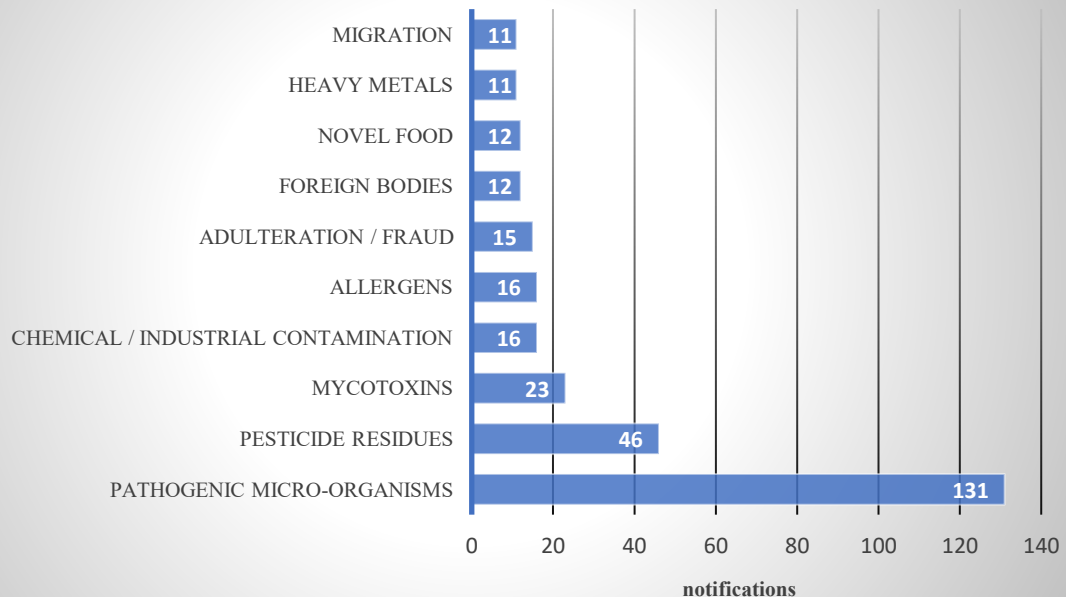


## Notifications September 2022: TOP 10 products

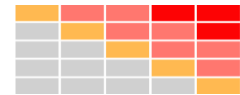


In the evaluation of notifications according to hazard categories, pathogenic micro-organisms were again in first place in September 2022 with 131 notifications. 50 notifications concerned salmonella in sesame seeds or in products containing sesame seeds (halva, tahini). In second and third place are following pesticides (46 notifications) and mycotoxins (23 notifications):

## Notifications September 2022: TOP 10 hazard categories



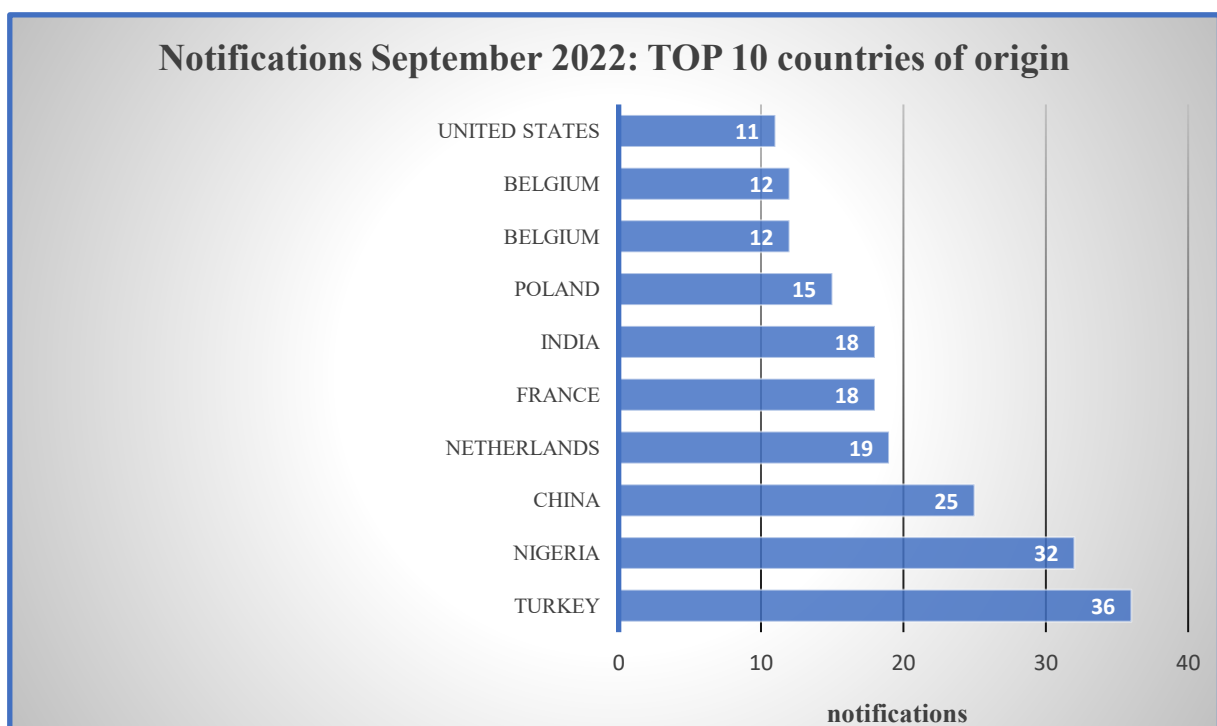
In the evaluation according to hazards, notifications of salmonella infections are by far at the top in September with 94 notifications. With 50 notifications, as already mentioned, more than half of the notifications relate to sesame seeds or products containing sesame seeds. This

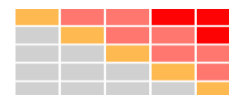


is followed by notifications on chlorpyrifos (17 notifications) and aflatoxins (16 notifications):



In the evaluation of the notifications by country of origin, Turkey is in first place with 36 notifications, of which 9 notifications concerned salmonella findings in sesame seeds and 6 notifications concerned mycotoxins in dried figs. It is followed by Nigeria with 32 notifications (of which 31 notifications concerned salmonella findings in sesame seeds) and China (25 notifications):





## 2 Update on pesticides and contaminants

### 2.1 First update of processing factors regarding residues of pesticides (EU-Database)

The residue levels of pesticides are strongly depending on the degree of processing. Therefore, according to Article 20 Regulation (EC) 395/2005, where no MRLs are set in Annexes II and III for processed and/or composite foods, the residue levels set in Article 18 for the corresponding food covered by Annex I apply, taking into account changes in pesticide residue levels caused by processing or mixing. As part of an EFSA project, the first EU database on processing factors was published in 2018. A first update of the database has now been presented on September 13, 2022. Both versions of the EU database on processing factors can be found [here](#).

### 2.2 Organic arsenic in food

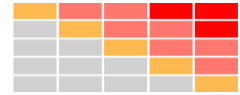
EFSA has published a literature study on organic arsenic compounds in food. The purpose of the project was to gather information on two groups of organic arsenic:

- methylated species
- Other organic arsenic species, e.g., sugars, lipids

You can find the study [here](#).

## 3 NEWS – Food Safety

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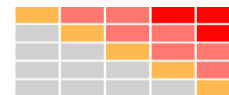
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