

IFS Trend Risk Report November 2024



Dear readers,

The November edition of the IFS Trend Risk Report includes 14 food fraud cases from around the world. Refer to page 2 for more details.

The guest article by AFC Risk & Crisis Consult is entitled "COP29 and agrifood systems" and reviews the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), COP29, which was held in November and shows how the agricultural and food sector is gaining recognition in global climate change policy. Read the full article on page 3.

"Recalls around the world" can be found on page 4.

Our pesticide analysis shows deviations of the following three products: mangoes, raspberries and papayas. Read the full details which pesticides were detected in these tropical and local fruits on page 5.

On page 6, you will find the RAFFS data evaluations dashboard, giving you all necessary information you need with a pleasing visual design.

In our Noteworthy Publication section, you will find a link to the IFS Product and Food Defence Guideline, Version 2. The guideline was updated to have a clear and concise agenda, is adapted to all current versions of IFS Standards and is just one of many IFS Guidelines available on the IFS Website aiming to support IFS certified businesses in their audit preparations as well as contributing to continuous improvement activities in the food and non-food sector.

In the last section, you can get many interesting news and scientific publications in the field of food safety and packaging.

We hope you enjoy reading our report. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

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1. Update on food fraud cases

In the following table, you find the food fraud cases **detected** in October/November 2024. Please be aware that cases are not limited to the month and may have occurred over a longer period.

IFS Product Scope	Ingredient	Reason	Country or Region	Detected in	Source
	Various Foods	Product tampering	Spain	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Meats	Adulteration	Türkiye	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Canned Tuna	Mislabelling	Spain	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Fish	Document forgery	South Korea China	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Milk	Adulteration	Colombia	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Cheese	Adulteration	Türkiye	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Wine	Counterfeit	Italy	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Alcoholic beverages	Product tampering	India	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Alcoholic beverages	Counterfeit	Scotland	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Olive oil	Adulteration	Türkiye	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Olive oil	Adulteration	Spain	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Cacao	Grey market	Ivory Coast	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Tea	Adulteration	India	Oct/Nov 24	Link
	Cacao	Grey market	Ghana	Oct/Nov 24	Link

Issue of the month:

COP29 and agrifood systems

From [11 to 22 November](#), the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), COP29, was held in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku, where around 200 governments met to discuss global climate goals. Even before the conference began, global agrifood systems were in the spotlight due to their [significant](#) contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions. [Transforming](#) these systems is seen as critical to achieving the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. In the context of this year's conference, the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#) (FAO) highlighted the need for increased investment in agrifood systems as essential to addressing the climate crisis.

With this in mind, the FAO, in partnership with the Azerbaijani COP29 Presidency, launched a new platform - the [Baku Harmoniya Climate Initiative for Farmers](#). The [initiative](#) aims to help farmers around the world navigate the many initiatives and programmes designed to support the climate-resilient transformation of agri-food systems. It also aims to improve [climate finance](#) for these systems.

However, critics warn that this [initiative](#) could disadvantage many people in the Global South and primarily serve the economic interests of large corporations. Overall and despite some progress, global criticism and disappointment with COP29 remains high. In particular, the support provided during the conference was seen as insufficient to meet the growing [needs](#) of low-income countries in their fight against the climate crisis. NGOs had already expressed low expectations for the [agrifood](#) sector at the start of the conference.

In summary, while the agricultural and food sector is gaining recognition in global climate change policy, significant challenges remain. It is still unclear how these initiatives will play out in practice and whether the needs of smallholder farmers and vulnerable communities will be adequately addressed.



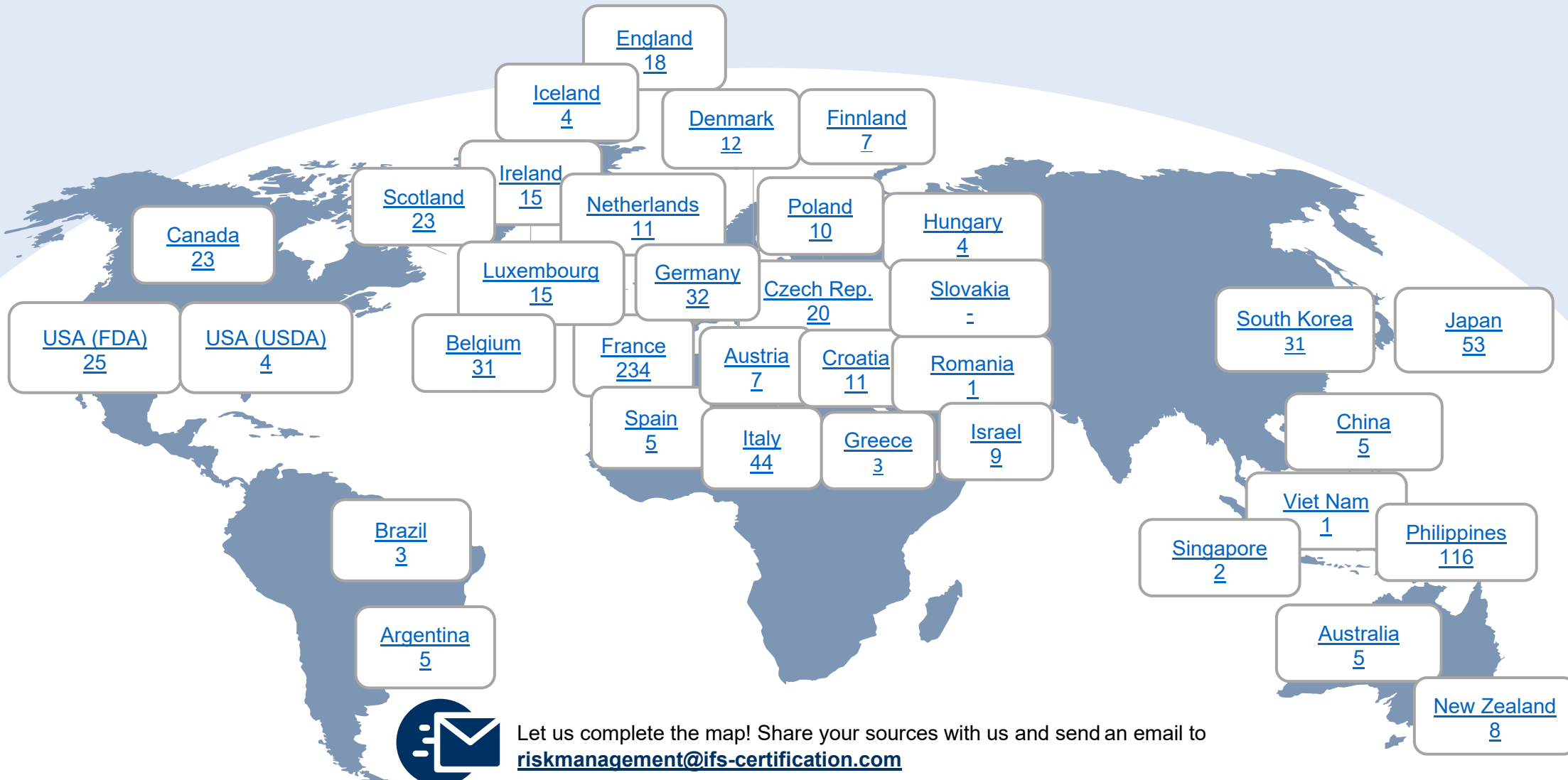
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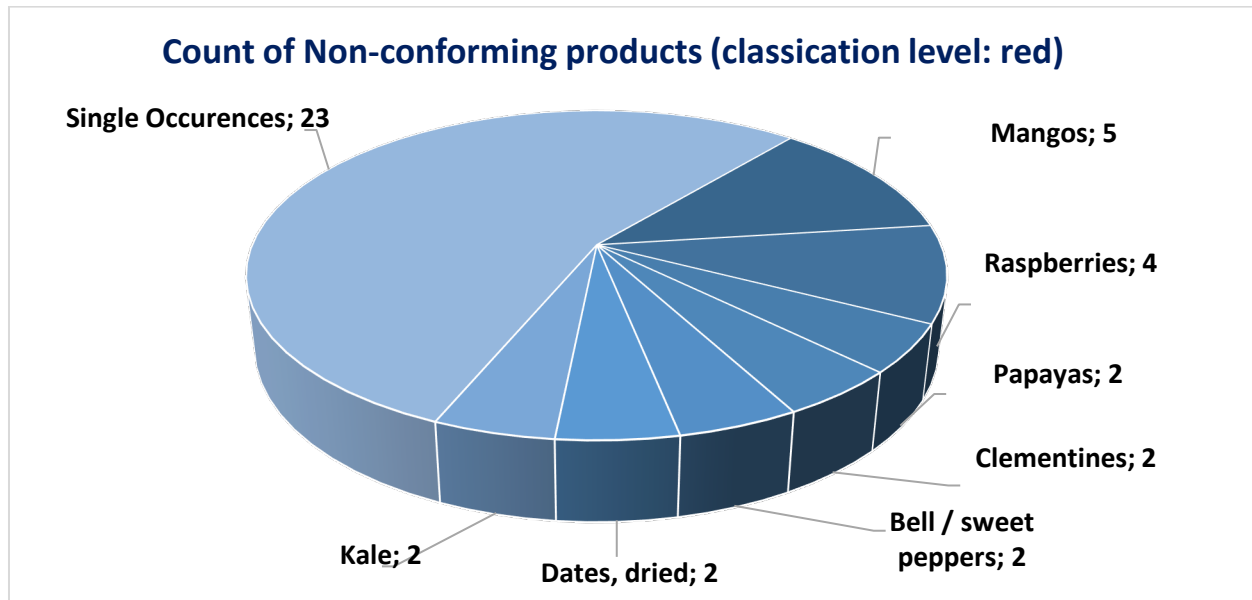
3. Recalls around the world from country/region specific databases (click on the country/region name to visit the source)



Let us complete the map! Share your sources with us and send an email to riskmanagement@ifs-certification.com

4. Evaluation of pesticide analyses

The following analysis was conducted using data from fruitmonitoring.com, which is a joint residue monitoring system for pesticides in fruit and vegetables operated by a group of trading companies in Germany. The data from fruitmonitoring.com is not publicly available. As a service to IFS stakeholders, we provide you with a monthly overview of compliance with maximum residue levels (MRLs) of goods traded in Germany. In the illustration, we show you all samples that have been classified as red because of "Exceeding maximum residue levels".



In November 2024, a total number of **3825 samples** (Date: 12.12.2024) were monitored.

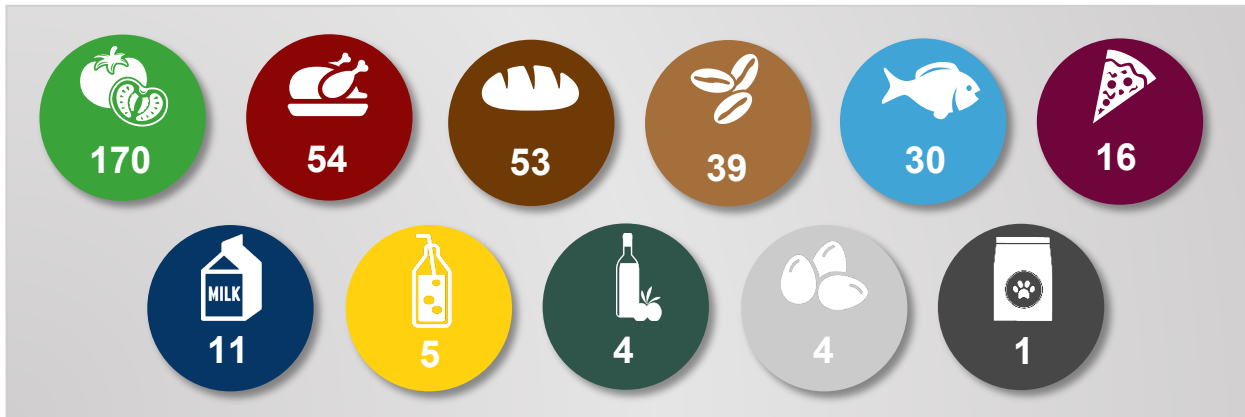
Product/Country/Parameter	Total number analysed in November 2024	Count of deviation November 2024	Historic count (previous 2 years)
Mangos	78	5	17
Brazil	63	3	10
Flupyradifuron	-	1	0
Imazalil	-	1	0
Imidacloprid	-	1	0
Spain	9	2	0
DDAC (sum)	-	1	0
Acetamiprid	-	1	0
Raspberries	67	4	10
Morocco	41	3	4
Bifenazate (sum)	-	3	0
Spain	20	1	3
Lambda-Cyhalothrin (sum)	-	1	0
Papayas	22	2	15
Brazil	14	2	13
Fosetyl-AI (sum)	-	2	0

In the table above, you can see the countries and parameters of the first 3 products which had MRLs >100% for November 2024 and next to it the "historic count" to show how many times the product/country/substance combination were non-conforming (classification level: red) in the last 2 years (01.11.22 – 31.10.2024) prior to the current month.

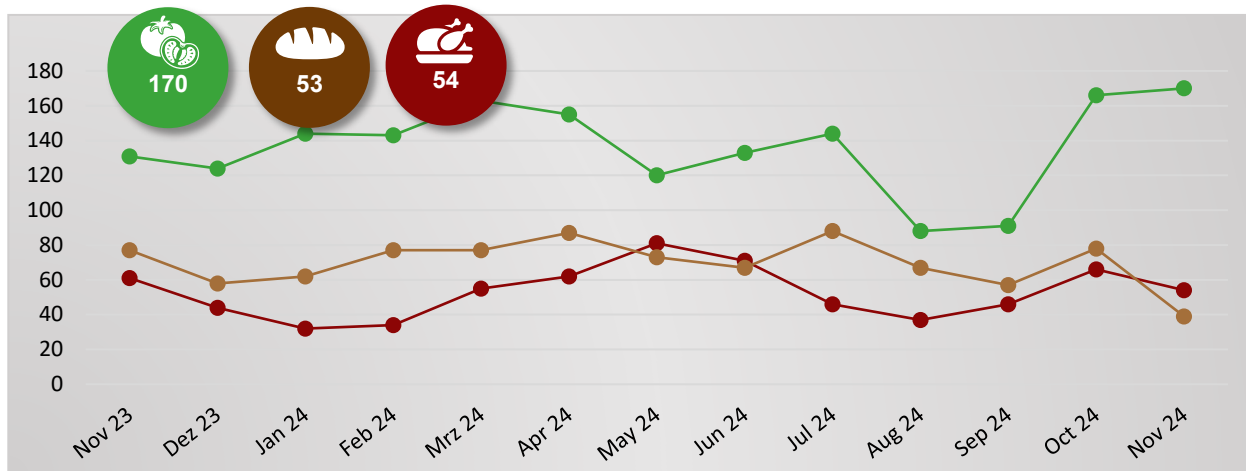
5. RASFF Dashboard: Data evaluation

In the following section you can see an analysis of the RASFF data from November 2024. The notifications from the food category are analysed here, which, this month, amount to 386 and thus count 69 notifications more than in October 2024.

Notifications on the RASFF portal in November 2024 according to the IFS Product Scopes



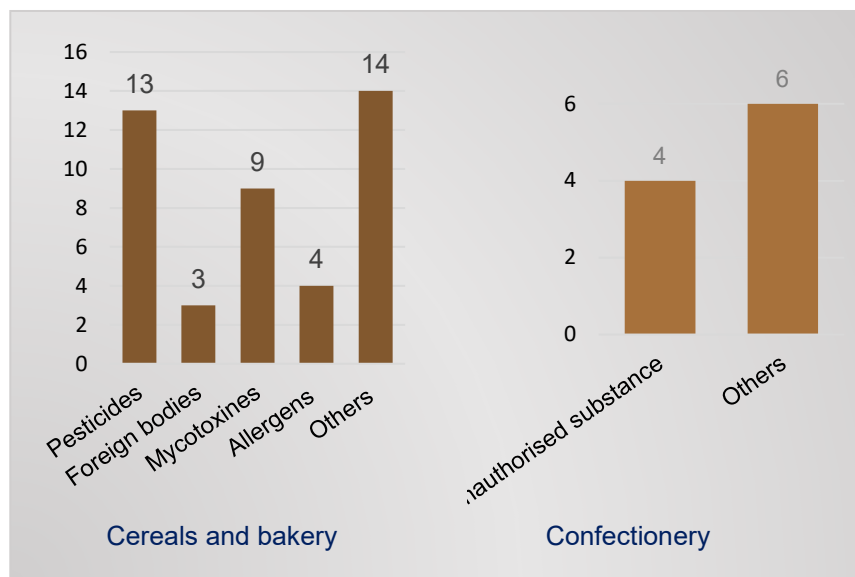
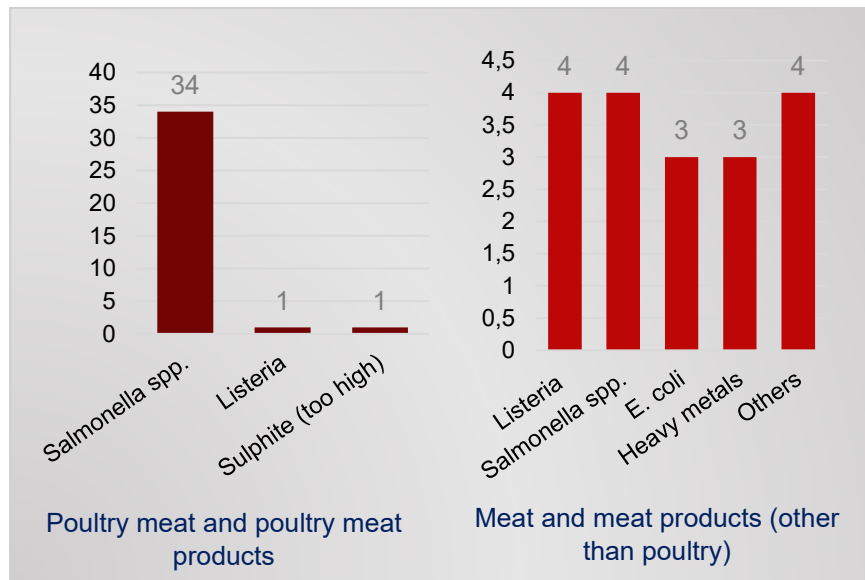
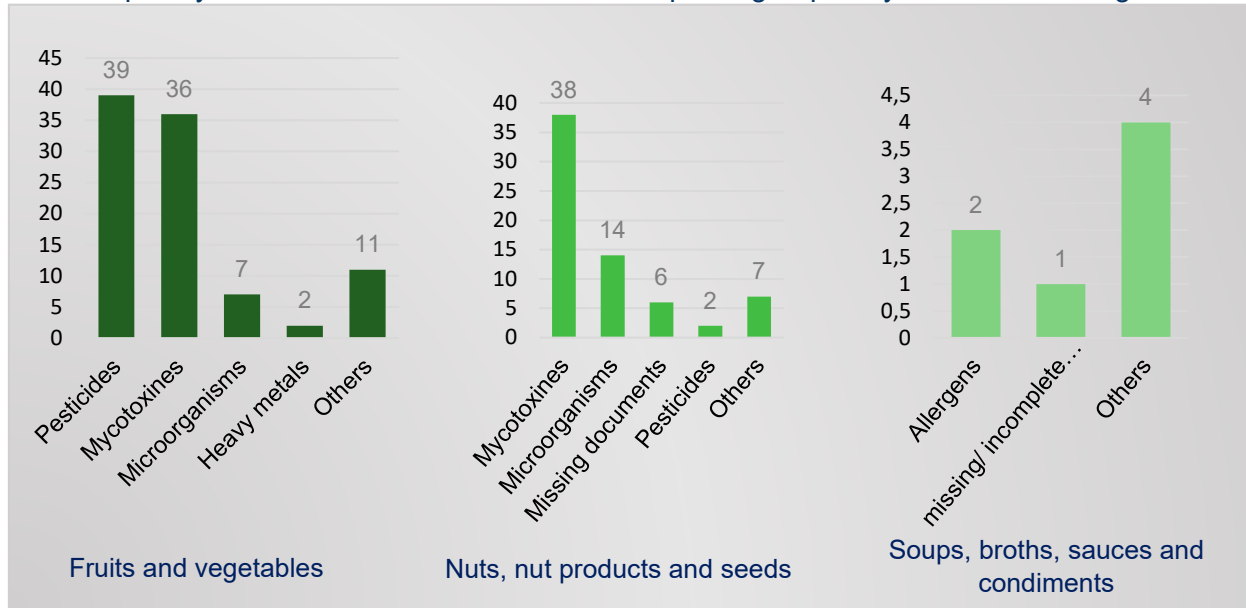
12-month history of the three most frequented IFS Product Scopes



The IFS Product Scopes with notifications from the RASFF category



Most frequently mentioned hazards on the RASFF portal grouped by the RASFF categories





We look forward to your feedback on the IFS Trend Risk Report



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6. European Market Observatory

The European Commission assembles information related to food products on a regular basis. Here you can find the current official market observation dashboards.

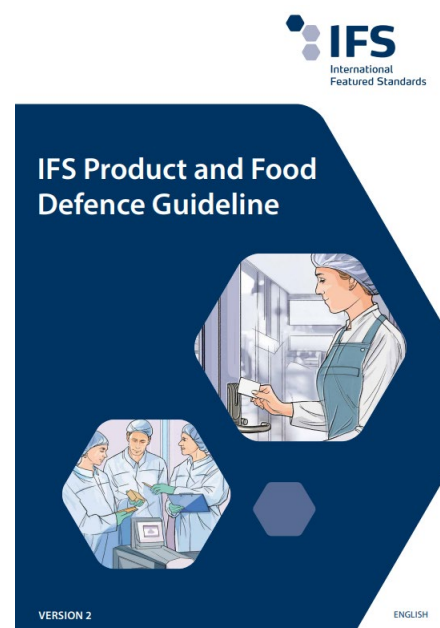
	<u>Beef dashboard</u>		<u>Cereals dashboard</u>
	<u>Pork dashboard</u>		<u>Oilseeds and protein crops dashboard</u>
	<u>Eggs dashboard</u>		<u>Sugar dashboard</u>
	<u>Poultry dashboard</u>		<u>Olive oil dashboard</u>
	<u>Sheep and goat meat</u>		<u>Wine dashboard</u>
	<u>Milk dashboard</u>		<u>Fruit and vegetables dashboard</u>
	<u>Fish and seafood dashboard</u>		

7. Noteworthy publications









This month, we provide you with a link to the **IFS Product and Food Defence Guideline version 2**. The guideline has been adapted to the product defence requirements of the current versions of IFS Standards, addressing not only food manufacturers but also the non-food suppliers.

Furthermore, a chapter on cybersecurity has been added, as all external threats related to product defence should be addressed and the number and impact of cyberattacks have increased significantly in recent years.

[Click here to download the guideline!](#)



8. Media articles on food safety

	Topic and Link	Source
	European food giants urge Commissioner Hansen for greener EU agriculture policies	NewFoodMagazine
	Demand for vegan options at events rises by 280 percent sparking a plant-based Christmas boom	NewFoodMagazine
	EU pathogen rise shows more people getting sick	FoodSafetyNews
	October 2024 Report on EU Agri-Food Fraud Suspicions	European Commission
	More Listeria recalls – what’s happening?	FoodSafetyNews
	More sick in Norwegian Salmonella outbreak traced to sprouts	FoodSafetyNews
	FDA reports new E. coli outbreak; won’t name lettuce supplier in another	FoodSafetyNews
	Densimetric sorting can improve the quality of olive oil	NewFoodMagazine

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