

Keeping European consumers safe is the mission of the European Rapid Alert System for non-food dangerous products (RAPEX).

The RAPEX system ensures that information about dangerous products is quickly shared between all EU market surveillance authorities and therefore protective measures can be taken in those countries where such products are found.

Since its implementation ten years ago, the number of notifications disseminated by RAPEX as well as the cooperation and exchange of information between national authorities and the European Commission has been continuously growing. This has contributed to an increased level of safety for European consumers.

More information concerning the number and origin of the notifications, the type and origin of notified products and the risks identified for 2013 is available on the European Commission's Health and Consumers website at the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/safety/rapex/reports/index_en.htm

The available communication documents include:

- The 2013 RAPEX complete statistics (charts and graphs);
- 28 National factsheets (both in English and in national languages) which summarise the main results in the RAPEX activity of each Member State;
- The RAPEX infographic for 2013;
- A leaflet containing key recommendations by an expert group on product traceability promoted by the European Commission;
- Useful additional communication material for events and seminars, such as posters and folders.

The documents follow a new approach with the intention to highlight, especially in the national factsheets, the overall alerts (i.e. the total of notifications and follow-up actions) considered to be better representative of a country's total RAPEX activity.

Moreover, the statistics refer to notifications on serious risks, other risks level and for information – altogether.

We hope you will find this information useful.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of questions or clarifications.

With kind regards,

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