

# Food Legislation News

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## Statements of the ALS

At its 121st meeting, the Working Group of Food Chemistry Experts of the Federal States and the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (ALS) issued the following statements, among others:

### Labelling of post-harvest treatment when citrus fruit is sold in bulk and pre-packaged goods in retail stores:

In its statement, the ALS described how the post-harvest treatment of citrus fruits should be carried out. The corresponding labelling in the retail trade was presented in a tabular overview (Statement No. 2023/10).

### Citrus fruits - claims "untreated", "peel suitable for consumption" etc.:

In its statement, the ALS described how the post-harvest treatment of citrus fruits should be carried out. The corresponding labelling in the retail trade was presented in a tabular overview (Statement No. 2023/10).

### Ingredient "protein powder":

As protein powder is understood to include both egg white powder and protein products from other sources (e.g. soy, wheat, or milk), the sole use of the term "protein powder" in the list of ingredients is not sufficient. The specific name of the ingredient used must be stated (Opinion No. 2023/11).

### Allergen labelling of sulphur dioxide and sulfites in the list of ingredients:

In addition to the indication of the class name, the exact name of the allergenic substance contained in the additives E220-E228 must always be indicated. In these cases, the indication of class names and E numbers is only permitted if the total SO<sub>2</sub> content of the ready-to-eat food is below 10 mg/kg or 10 mg/l (Opinion No. 2023/12).

### Salt substitutes – sodium-reduced mineral salt mixtures":

In its statement No. 2023/14, the ALS explains the legal requirements for the composition of salt substitutes/reduced-sodium mineral salt mixtures and how they must be labelled.

### LMIV – designation of added minerals in the list of ingredients":

Minerals added for nutritional purposes must be indicated in the list of ingredients by their specific names. The ALS is of the opinion that the compounds listed in Annex II of Regulation (EC) No. 1925/2006 can be mentioned as having this special designation. The sole mention of the enriched nutrients, e.g. in the form of "magnesium", "potassium", etc. is not permitted (Opinion No. 2023/25).

#### Note:

Statements of the ALS are not legally binding; they can be regarded as expert opinions.

At [https://www.bvl.bund.de/DE/Arbeitsbereiche/01\\_Lebensmittel/01\\_Aufgaben/11\\_ALS\\_ALTS/02\\_ALS/ALS\\_node.html](https://www.bvl.bund.de/DE/Arbeitsbereiche/01_Lebensmittel/01_Aufgaben/11_ALS_ALTS/02_ALS/ALS_node.html) you will find further details and, in German, a current overview of the opinions, the opinions of the current meeting, and also the archive.

## Statements of the ALTS

The working group of experts working in the field of food hygiene and foodstuffs derived from animals (ALTS) passed resolutions on the following topics, among others, at its 92nd meeting:

#### Assessment of statements on health-related effects from authorised health claims in connection with other food ingredients or the entire food:

If an authorised health claim is limited to certain ingredients of the food, it must not be suggested that the claimed health-related effect is also associated with other ingredients. To remove such a misleading impression, the indication of an asterisk reference to the approved health claim is not considered sufficient (No. 2023/92/03)

#### Indication of the compound ingredient “Preparation with herbs” in the list of ingredients:

The designation “preparation with herbs” for a compound ingredient that is predominantly made from water does not sufficiently inform the consumer about the exact composition. Since a common “herbal preparation” does not contain water as an ingredient according to the guidelines for spices, the individual ingredients must be indicated with their specific designation in the list of ingredients in this case (No. 2023/92/08).

#### Assessment of allergy information:

The ALTS has compiled various possibilities for allergy information and their assessment in a table (No. 2023/92/14).

#### Note:

Statements of the ALTS are not legally binding; they can be regarded as expert opinions.

You can find further details, as well as a current overview of the opinions, the opinions of the current session, and the archive in German here: [https://www.bvl.bund.de/EN/Tasks/01\\_Food/01\\_tasks/02\\_OfficialFoodControl/13\\_ALTS/Im\\_ALTS\\_basepage.html](https://www.bvl.bund.de/EN/Tasks/01_Food/01_tasks/02_OfficialFoodControl/13_ALTS/Im_ALTS_basepage.html)

## ALTS/ALS: Assessment values for allergens updated

ALTS and ALS have updated their assessment values for allergens. The tabular compilation is available here (in German):

[https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/01\\_Lebensmittel/ALS\\_ALTS/Allergene\\_Beurteilungswerte.pdf?jsessionid=7752E652E84DF793833EFE1050CA020F.internet941?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=9](https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/01_Lebensmittel/ALS_ALTS/Allergene_Beurteilungswerte.pdf?jsessionid=7752E652E84DF793833EFE1050CA020F.internet941?__blob=publicationFile&v=9)

## News from the BfR

Amongst others, the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung (BfR)) published the following:

#### Keeping food hot:

To protect against foodborne illnesses, the BfR has recommended since 2020 that ‘...heated food should

be kept at a temperature of at least 60 °C at all points until it is consumed'. In its recently updated statement, the BfR recommends establishing regular and systematic control measures, especially in the catering industry and other communal catering facilities (Statement 016/2024, <https://www.bfr.bund.de/cm/349/prevention-of-foodborne-illness-when-keeping-food-hot-update.pdf>).

#### Phthalate plasticisers- FAQ:

On 28 March 2024, the BfR published an update to the questions and answers on phthalate plasticisers published on 1 March 2024 ([https://www.bfr.bund.de/en/questions\\_and\\_answers\\_about\\_phthalate\\_plasticisers-315248.html](https://www.bfr.bund.de/en/questions_and_answers_about_phthalate_plasticisers-315248.html)).

#### Bird Flu - FAQ:

On 9 April 2024, the BfR published questions and answers on hygiene in food/utensils and how this can protect against transmission to humans (<https://www.bfr.bund.de/cm/349/selected-questions-and-answers-relating-to-hygiene-of-food-and-consumables-in-times-of-the-bird-flu.pdf>).

#### Bisphenol F in Senf:

Despite gaps in the data, the BfR still considers adverse health effects to be unlikely. Only high daily intakes of 4g mustard with a very high bisphenol F content of 3.5 mg/kg could exceed the provisional health guideline value recommended by the BfR for the tolerable daily intake (TDI) of 0.2 µg/kg body weight/day (Communication 019/2024 of 19 April 2024, in German:

<https://www.bfr.bund.de/cm/343/bisphenol-f-in-senf-gesundheitliche-beeintraechtigungen-trotz-datenluecken-weiterhin-unwahrscheinlich.pdf>;

FAQ (in German): <https://www.bfr.bund.de/cm/343/fragen-und-antworten-zu-bisphenol-f-in-senf.pdf>).

## Modifications regarding pesticides

#### Maximum residue levels (MRLs):

Regulations (EU) 2024/891, 2024/1076, 2024/1077 and 2024/1078 amended the MRLs of the following plant protection product active substances:

Azoxystrobin, bifentazate, bispyribac, 2,4-DB, flonicamid, iodosulfuron-methyl, isofetamid, mefentrifluconazole, mesotrione, metazachlor, metosulam, oryzalin, oxasulfuron, pyraflufen-ethyl, pyrimethanil, quartz sand, and triazoxide.

#### EU-Monitoring:

A new regulation on a multi-annual Union control programme of pesticide residues for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027 has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union (Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/989 of 2 April 2024; [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L\\_202400989](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202400989)).

#### Information on pesticides from the BVL

Comprehensive information on authorised pesticides, revoked and suspended authorisations or, for example, emergency authorisations can be found on the homepage of the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) at [www.bvl.bund.de](http://www.bvl.bund.de) ([https://www.bvl.bund.de/EN/Tasks/04\\_Plant\\_protection\\_products/01\\_ppp\\_tasks/02\\_ppp\\_AuthorisationReviewActSub/01\\_ppps\\_authorised/ppp\\_authorised\\_node.html](https://www.bvl.bund.de/EN/Tasks/04_Plant_protection_products/01_ppp_tasks/02_ppp_AuthorisationReviewActSub/01_ppps_authorised/ppp_authorised_node.html)).

## Further publications of the BVL

The Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) has issued the following information, among others:

### G@ZIELT- Annual Report 2022:

The 2022 annual report of the Joint Centre for the Control of Products of the LFGB and Tobacco Products Traded on the Internet (G@ZIELT) has been published and is available at [https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/01\\_Lebensmittel/Internethandel/Annual-Report\\_2022\\_G@zielt.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=2](https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/01_Lebensmittel/Internethandel/Annual-Report_2022_G@zielt.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2).

### AG substance list - algae list:

The substance list working group has published a list for the category 'algae' on the BVL website. The substance list working group has thus compiled comprehensive lists of plants, fungi, and algae, as well as explanations of these lists. These lists are intended to facilitate the categorisation of plants, plant parts, fungi and algae as ingredients in foodstuffs and their differentiation from medicinal products (in German:

[https://www.bvl.bund.de/DE/Arbeitsbereiche/01\\_Lebensmittel/01\\_Aufgaben/07\\_Stofflisten/News/02\\_News-Meldungen/2024\\_04\\_11\\_Algenliste\\_und\\_3\\_Auflage\\_des\\_Vorwortes\\_zu\\_den\\_Stofflisten.html](https://www.bvl.bund.de/DE/Arbeitsbereiche/01_Lebensmittel/01_Aufgaben/07_Stofflisten/News/02_News-Meldungen/2024_04_11_Algenliste_und_3_Auflage_des_Vorwortes_zu_den_Stofflisten.html)).

### Veterinary medicinal products:

The BVL has published the notices on the authorisation of veterinary medicinal products and other official acts of 26 February, 22 March, and 8 April 2024.

Links (in German):

[https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/05\\_Tierarzneimittel/Bekanntmachungen/2024\\_03\\_20\\_Bekanntmachung\\_BAnz.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=2](https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/05_Tierarzneimittel/Bekanntmachungen/2024_03_20_Bekanntmachung_BAnz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2)

[https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/05\\_Tierarzneimittel/Bekanntmachungen/2024\\_04\\_15\\_Bekanntmachung\\_BAnz.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=2](https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/05_Tierarzneimittel/Bekanntmachungen/2024_04_15_Bekanntmachung_BAnz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2)

[https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/05\\_Tierarzneimittel/Bekanntmachungen/2024\\_04\\_26\\_Bekanntmachung\\_BAnz.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=3](https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/05_Tierarzneimittel/Bekanntmachungen/2024_04_26_Bekanntmachung_BAnz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=3)

[https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/05\\_Tierarzneimittel/Bekanntmachungen/2024\\_04\\_29\\_Bekanntmachung\\_BAnz.pdf?\\_\\_blob=publicationFile&v=2](https://www.bvl.bund.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/05_Tierarzneimittel/Bekanntmachungen/2024_04_29_Bekanntmachung_BAnz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2)

## Sentences

### Inappropriate labelling of pregnancy products:

The advertising of teas and globules with the claims 'Recommended by midwives' and 'Radionically informed', among others, is misleading, as the (false) impression is created that these are medical products with a demonstrable effect (OLG Karlsruhe, 19. März 2024, Az. 14 U 63/23; in German:

<https://www.vzbv.de/urteile/zur-kennzeichnung-homoeopathischer-schwangerschaftsprodukte>,  
<https://www.landesrecht-bw.de/bsbw/document/NJRE001569814>).

### „Fasten Drink” - unauthorised health claim:

A beverage concentrate may not be advertised with claims such as 'for weight management', '... fasting without feeling hungry' or 'The fasting drink...'. These are inadmissible health claims (Regional Court of Cologne, 26 April 2024, Ref. 31 O 105/23; in German:

[https://www.justiz.nrw.de/nrwe/lgs/koeln/lq\\_koeln/j2023/31\\_O\\_105\\_23\\_Beschluss\\_20230426.html](https://www.justiz.nrw.de/nrwe/lgs/koeln/lq_koeln/j2023/31_O_105_23_Beschluss_20230426.html)).

### „ImmunStark“ – health claim:

The claim ‘immunStark’ for vitamin sweets is to be regarded as an unauthorised health claim (Nuremberg Regional Court, case no. 19 O 4187/23, not legally binding; in German: <https://www.lebensmittelklarheit.de/news/gericht-verbietet-immunstark-werbung-fuer-bonbons>).

## Miscellaneous

### Amendments to the EU Contaminants Regulation:

The EU Contaminants Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2023/915) was amended by the following regulations:

- Regulation (EU) 2024/1002: Increase of the maximum level for perchlorate in beans with pods, [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L\\_202401002](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202401002)
- Regulation (EU) 2024/1003: Reduction of the maximum levels for 3-MCPD (sum) in foods for infants and young children, [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L\\_202401003&qid=1716806548315](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202401003&qid=1716806548315)
- Regulation (EU) 2024/1022: Amendments to the maximum levels for deoxynivalenol (DON), [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L\\_202401022&qid=1716806673388](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202401022&qid=1716806673388)
- Regulation (EU) 2024/1038: Maximum levels for T-2/HT-2 toxin, [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L\\_202401038&qid=1716806762252](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202401038&qid=1716806762252).

### Geographical indications:

The EU regulations for geographical indications have been revised. Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 of 11 April 2024 was published in the Official Journal on 23 April 2024 ([https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L\\_202401143](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202401143)). In addition to extensive changes, Article 27, for example, regulates the use of geographical indications to designate a product used as an ingredient in the name of a processed product. The judgement on ‘Champagne sorbet’ (OLG Munich, Ref. 29 U 1698/14; Food Legislation News No. 4 August 2021) can serve as an illustration.

### Nickel-Monitoring:

On 26 March 2024, the EU Commission published Recommendation (EU) 2024/907 on the monitoring of food for nickel ([https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L\\_202400907&qid=1716811275979](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202400907&qid=1716811275979)).

### Guidelines of the German Food Code:

The following amendments and new versions were published in the Federal Gazette:

- Amendment of the guidelines for bread and small baked goods (in German: <https://www.bundesanzeiger.de/pub/publication/JzBojQIUa6bLcmNTbmY/content/JzBojQIUa6bLcmNTbmY/BAnz%20AT%2013.03.2024%20B1.pdf?inline>)
- Amendment of the guidelines for meat and meat products (in German: <https://www.bundesanzeiger.de/pub/publication/EhdYGO7HLoKPARJ7CtH/content/EhdYGO7HLoKPARJ7CtH/BAnz%20AT%2019.03.2024%20B1.pdf?inline>)
- Amendment of the guidelines for edible fats and oils (in German: <https://www.bundesanzeiger.de/pub/publication/8t2ZlvY5DeRnjEggase/content/8t2ZlvY5DeRnjEggase/BAnz%20AT%2018.04.2024%20B2.pdf?inline>).

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## EC Alert Notifications

Following are notifications chosen from the European Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed. Considered were alerts for food, information and border rejections which arrived **between 20 March and 21 May 2024**.

Source:

[https://www.bvl.bund.de/DE/Arbeitsbereiche/01\\_Lebensmittel/01\\_Aufgaben/04\\_Warn\\_und\\_Informationssysteme/00\\_Warn\\_und\\_Informationssysteme/01\\_RASFF/021\\_aktuelle\\_rasff\\_meldungen/aktuelle\\_meldungen\\_lm\\_box.html](https://www.bvl.bund.de/DE/Arbeitsbereiche/01_Lebensmittel/01_Aufgaben/04_Warn_und_Informationssysteme/00_Warn_und_Informationssysteme/01_RASFF/021_aktuelle_rasff_meldungen/aktuelle_meldungen_lm_box.html) (in German)

| Reason for Notifying               | Product                                                                                | Country of Origin        | Notes                                         | Number |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>Mycotoxins</b>                  |                                                                                        |                          |                                               |        |
| Aflatoxins<br>total: 92            | peanuts, pistachios, figs, dates, hazelnuts, almonds, brazil nuts (including products) |                          |                                               | 69     |
|                                    | chili powder, chili flakes, ground chilies, spices, mixed spices                       | India, Germany, Pakistan | B1: up 26 µg/kg;<br>total: up 27 µg/kg        | 7      |
|                                    | basmati rice, rice                                                                     | Pakistan, India          | B1: up 16.4 µg/kg;<br>total:<br>up 17.6 µg/kg | 7      |
|                                    | bush mango powder                                                                      | Togo                     | B1: 124.5 µg/kg;<br>total: 163.5 µg/kg        | 1      |
|                                    | egusi seeds                                                                            | Nigeria                  |                                               | 1      |
|                                    | nutmeg                                                                                 | Indonesia                | B1: up 61 µg/kg;<br>total: up 69 µg/kg        | 2      |
|                                    | nut crackers                                                                           | India                    | B1: 34.9 µg/kg;<br>total: 38.4 µg/kg          | 1      |
|                                    | millet, popcorn, dried mulberries                                                      | China, France, Turkey    | B1: up 10 µg/kg;<br>total: up 15 µg/kg        | 3      |
|                                    | pasteurized milk                                                                       | France                   | 0.43 µ/kg                                     | 1      |
| Ochratoxin A                       | dried figs                                                                             | Turkey                   | 24.9 µg/kg                                    | 1      |
|                                    | raisins                                                                                | USA, Uzbekistan          | up 174 µg/kg                                  | 2      |
|                                    | sultanas                                                                               | Afghanistan, Uzbekistan  | up 21 µg/kg                                   | 2      |
|                                    | organic rye flour                                                                      | Romania                  | 23 µg/kg                                      | 1      |
|                                    | cocoa powder                                                                           | Poland, Netherlands      | up 17 µg/kg                                   | 2      |
|                                    | bush mango powder                                                                      | Togo                     | 33.4 µg/kg                                    | 1      |
|                                    | dried mulberries                                                                       | Turkey                   | 32 µg/kg                                      | 1      |
| Alternaria toxins                  | baby food                                                                              | Germany                  | 12 µg/kg                                      | 1      |
|                                    | tomato ketchup                                                                         | Turkey                   | 49.2 µg/kg                                    | 1      |
| Fumonisin                          | corn flour                                                                             | France                   | 2,433 µg/kg                                   | 1      |
| Patuline                           | dried apple dices                                                                      | Poland                   | 32.5 µg/kg                                    | 1      |
| <b>Heavy Metals / Other Metals</b> |                                                                                        |                          |                                               |        |
| Lead                               | sheep liver                                                                            | UK                       | up 0.43 mg/kg                                 | 4      |
|                                    | deer sausage                                                                           | Austria                  | 0.27 mg/kg                                    | 1      |
|                                    | smilacis glabrae rhizoma (china root)                                                  | China                    | 0.15 mg/kg                                    | 1      |
|                                    | dried bitter gourd                                                                     | China                    | 0.28 mg/kg                                    | 1      |

| Reason for Notifying                                | Product                                                            | Country of Origin            | Notes                                       | Number |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| Cadmium                                             | mini octopus, squid                                                | India, Spain                 | up 1.705 mg/kg                              | 2      |
|                                                     | canned tuna                                                        | Ecuador                      | 0.16 mg/kg                                  | 1      |
|                                                     | avocados                                                           | Peru                         | up 0.13 mg/kg                               | 3      |
|                                                     | peppers, mangosteen, dried bitter gourd                            | Turkey, Colombia, China      | up 0.084 mg/kg                              | 3      |
|                                                     | bulls blood                                                        | Italy                        | 0.42 mg/kg                                  | 1      |
|                                                     | sunflower seeds                                                    | USA, Romania                 | up 0.76 mg/kg DM                            | 2      |
|                                                     | cocoa powder                                                       | Peru                         | 1.1 mg/kg                                   | 1      |
| Mercury                                             | fish / fish products                                               | Spain                        | up 3.4 mg/kg                                | 11     |
|                                                     | food supplement                                                    | India                        | 0.89 mg/kg                                  | 1      |
| Aluminium                                           | matcha tea powder                                                  | China                        | 1,902 mg/kg                                 | 1      |
| Boron                                               | mineral water                                                      | Turkey                       | 2.2 mg/l                                    | 1      |
| <b>Other Contaminants / Residues</b>                |                                                                    |                              |                                             |        |
| Ethylene oxide, 2-Chloroethanol                     | food supplement                                                    | Germany, India               |                                             | 2      |
|                                                     | chili powder, chili flakes, spice mixtures, BBQ sauce, spice sauce | India                        |                                             | 8      |
| Chlorate                                            | poultry meat product                                               | Thailand                     | 0.14 mg/kg                                  | 1      |
|                                                     | broccoli                                                           | Spain                        | 2.3 mg/kg                                   | 1      |
|                                                     | sesame seeds                                                       | Nigeria                      | 0.41 mg/kg                                  | 1      |
| Perchlorate                                         | wild yam (Huai Shon)                                               | China                        | 0.087 mg/kg                                 | 1      |
| Benzo(a)pyrene, PAH                                 | soup mix                                                           | China                        | Benzo(a)pyrene: 15 µg/kg;<br>PAH: 123 µg/kg | 1      |
|                                                     | dried bay leaves                                                   | India                        | PAH: 119.8 µg/kg                            | 1      |
| Furan                                               | baby food                                                          | Germany                      | 72 µg/kg                                    | 1      |
| Mineral oil hydrocarbons                            | shea butter                                                        | Cote d'Ivoire                | MOAH: up 2.8 mg/kg                          | 1      |
|                                                     | cake (Kinder Milk-Slice)                                           | unknown                      | MOAH: 3.8 mg/kg                             | 1      |
|                                                     | vanilla bean, vanilla powder                                       | Papua New Guinea, Madagascar | MOAH: up 6.7 mg/kg                          | 2      |
|                                                     | corn snack with chocolate frosting                                 | Finland                      | MOAH: up 3.2 mg/kg                          | 1      |
|                                                     | olive oil                                                          | Spain                        | MOSH: >200 mg/kg;<br>MOAH: 8.2 mg/kg        | 1      |
| Non dioxin-like polychlorinated biphenyls (ndl-PCB) | chicken                                                            | France                       | 1.14 ng/g fat                               | 1      |
| Per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS)    | cooked clam meat                                                   | Vietnam                      | PFOA: 2.8 µg/kg                             | 1      |
| Acrylamide                                          | baby food                                                          | France                       | 46 µg/kg                                    | 1      |
|                                                     | instant coffee                                                     | India                        |                                             | 1      |

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|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 3-Monochloro-1,2-propanediol (3-MCPD)    | olive oil                              | Turkey                        | 4,340 µg/kg                 | 1      |
|                                          | vegetable ghee                         | Egypt, Turkey                 | up 4,900 µg/kg              | 3      |
|                                          | snacks                                 | Iran                          | 4,035 µg/kg                 | 1      |
|                                          | biscuits                               | Thailand, Jordan              | up 7,100 µg/kg              | 2      |
| Glycidyl esters                          | sunflower oil                          | Germany                       | 1.6 mg/kg                   | 1      |
|                                          | vegetable ghee                         | Egypt, Turkey                 | up 3,900 µg/kg              | 3      |
|                                          | snacks                                 | Iran                          | 3,592 µg/kg                 | 1      |
|                                          | biscuits                               | Philippines, Thailand, Jordan | up 5,600 µg/kg              | 3      |
| Grayanotoxins                            | honey                                  | Singapore                     | 952.5 µg/kg                 | 1      |
| Pyrrolizidine alkaloids (PA)             | cumin                                  | Belgium, Turkey, Germany      | up 34,149.4 µg/kg           | 4      |
|                                          | oregano                                | Turkey, Romania               | up 24,231 µg/kg             | 5      |
|                                          | dill                                   | Spain                         | 840 µg/kg                   | 1      |
|                                          | herbs                                  | France                        | 2,800 µg/kg                 | 1      |
|                                          | black tea                              | India                         | 347 µg/kg                   | 1      |
|                                          | pollen                                 | France                        | 3,300 µg/kg                 | 1      |
| Tropane alkaloids                        | infant formula                         | Germany                       | 5.2 µg/kg                   | 1      |
|                                          | teff flour                             | Germany and Italy, unknown    | up 1,416 µg/kg              | 2      |
| Shellfish toxins (ASP, DSP)              | mussels                                | UK                            | up 99.2 mg/kg (domoic acid) | 2      |
|                                          | mussels                                | Sweden                        |                             | 1      |
| Histamine                                | fish / fish products                   | Sri Lanka, Netherlands, Chile | up 643.7 mg/kg              | 4      |
| Hydrocyanic acid                         | wheat flour                            | France                        |                             | 1      |
|                                          | flaxseed                               | Poland, India, Kazakhstan     | up 340 mg/kg                | 3      |
| Iodine                                   | seaweed snack                          | South Korea                   | 30 mg/kg                    | 1      |
| <b>Pharmacological Active Substances</b> |                                        |                               |                             |        |
| Cannabidiol (CBD)                        | food supplement, CBD oil               | Netherlands                   |                             | 2      |
|                                          | pastries, gummies, sweets, chewing gum | Netherlands, Italy            |                             | 4      |
| Hexahydrocannabinol (HHC)                | pastries, confectionery                | Austria, Spain, Malta         |                             | 3      |
| Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)               | CBD oil                                | UK                            | 3.65 mg/kg                  | 1      |
|                                          | confectionery                          | Slovenia                      | 3,200 µg/kg                 | 1      |
| Closantel                                | sheep muscle                           | UK                            | 1,767 µg/kg                 | 1      |
| 1,3-Dimethylamylamine (DMAA)             | food supplement                        | Ukraine                       |                             | 1      |
| Huperzine A                              | food supplement                        | Poland                        |                             | 1      |

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| Ivermectin                                    | beef                                           | Netherlands and Belgium        | 187 µg/kg                 | 1      |
| Lasalocid                                     | rabbit meat                                    | France                         | 11.5 µg/kg                | 1      |
| Leucomalachite green and leuco crystal violet | shrimps                                        | Vietnam                        |                           | 1      |
| Leucomalachite green                          | pangasius fillet, yellow catfish, shrimps      | Vietnam, India                 | up 10 µg/kg               | 3      |
| Morphine alkaloids                            | poppy seeds                                    | Czech Rep.                     | 32.2 mg/kg                | 1      |
| Nitrofurans metabolites                       | shrimps                                        | India, Vietnam                 | AOZ:<br>up 27.8 µg/kg     | 2      |
| Tetracyclines                                 | poultry meat, poultry offal                    | Poland                         | Doxycycline:<br>122 µg/kg | 1      |
| Ternidazole                                   | shrimps                                        | Vietnam                        |                           | 1      |
| Tildipirosin                                  | bovine kidney                                  | Netherlands                    | 6,709 µg/kg               | 1      |
| Sibutramine                                   | food supplement, tea                           | unknown, Turkey                |                           | 3      |
| Sildenafil                                    | ginger based drink                             | Cote d'Ivoire                  |                           | 1      |
| Tadalafil                                     | food supplement                                | Turkey                         |                           | 1      |
| Yohimbine                                     | food supplement                                | Russia                         |                           | 1      |
| <b>Unauthorised Colours</b>                   |                                                |                                |                           |        |
| Sudan I, Sudan IV and Sudan Red B             | cheddar cheese powder                          | Syria                          |                           | 1      |
| Sudan III and Sudan IV                        | palm oil                                       | Cote d'Ivoire                  |                           | 1      |
| Titanium dioxide (E 171)                      | pastries                                       | Canada                         |                           | 1      |
|                                               | confectionery, chewing gum                     | USA, Turkey                    |                           | 2      |
|                                               | glaze, mix of food additives, cake decorations | Russia, Serbia                 |                           | 3      |
|                                               | instant drinks                                 | Syria                          |                           | 1      |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>                          |                                                |                                |                           |        |
| High capsaicin content                        | potato chips                                   | Germany                        |                           | 1      |
| Parasitic infestation with Anisakis           | fish / fish products                           | Denmark, Morocco               |                           | 2      |
| GMO, not authorised                           | rice noodles                                   | Vietnam                        |                           | 1      |
|                                               | papaya                                         | Thailand                       |                           | 1      |
| Unauthorised irradiation                      | food supplement                                | Belgium, France                |                           | 1      |
| Foodborne disease outbreak                    | oysters                                        | France                         |                           | 1      |
|                                               | raw milk soft cheese                           | Ireland                        |                           | 1      |
|                                               | duck breast, minced beef                       | Hungary, Denmark (raw mat. UK) |                           | 2      |

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| <b>Pathogenic Germs</b>             |                                                                                                                                       |                                                             |       |        |
| Salmonella<br>total: 147            | meat / meat products (including poultry)                                                                                              |                                                             |       | 112    |
|                                     | mussels                                                                                                                               | Spain                                                       |       | 1      |
|                                     | concentrated raw goat's milk                                                                                                          | Netherlands                                                 |       | 1      |
|                                     | eggs, egg powder                                                                                                                      | Netherlands, Ukraine                                        |       | 4      |
|                                     | chillies, paprika powder, turmeric powder, ginger powder, bay leaf powder, wild garlic leaves, mint, basil, lemon thyme, onion powder | China, Spain, Turkey, India, Germany, Kenya, Egypt, Morocco |       | 11     |
|                                     | alfalfa, moringa powder, seaweed salad                                                                                                | Netherlands, Sri Lanka, Taiwan                              |       | 4      |
|                                     | filled dumplings                                                                                                                      | Latvia                                                      |       | 1      |
|                                     | sesame / sesame products                                                                                                              | Nigeria, Turkey, Mali, Chad, Uganda                         |       | 9      |
|                                     | raisins                                                                                                                               | Turkey                                                      |       | 1      |
|                                     | walnut kernels, pistachios, hazelnut paste                                                                                            | USA, Jordan, Turkey                                         |       | 3      |
| <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>       | meat / meat products (including poultry)                                                                                              | Kosovo, Denmark, Germany, Uruguay, Italy, Spain, Poland     |       | 8      |
|                                     | fish / fish products                                                                                                                  | Denmark, France, Spain, Lithuania, Italy (raw mat. Norway)  |       | 6      |
|                                     | raw sheep milk                                                                                                                        | Netherlands                                                 |       | 1      |
|                                     | cheese, soft cheese, raw milk cheese, gorgonzola, raw milk goat's cheese                                                              | France, Italy, Germany, Portugal                            |       | 12     |
|                                     | hummus                                                                                                                                | Netherlands                                                 |       | 1      |
|                                     | follow-on formula, chocolate spread                                                                                                   | Netherlands                                                 |       | 2      |
|                                     | salad                                                                                                                                 | Italy                                                       |       | 1      |
| <i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>         | chicken breast fillet                                                                                                                 | Austria                                                     |       | 1      |
| <i>Clostridium perfringens</i>      | cinnamon                                                                                                                              | Vietnam                                                     |       | 1      |
| <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> spores | chilled soup                                                                                                                          | Italy                                                       |       | 1      |
| Shiga toxin-producing E.coli (STEC) | beef, beef tartar                                                                                                                     | Brazil, Poland                                              |       | 4      |
|                                     | venison, deer meat                                                                                                                    | UK, Czech Rep.                                              |       | 4      |
| Staphylococcus coagulase-positive   | sausage, raw milk cheese                                                                                                              | Austria, France                                             |       | 2      |

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| <i>Vibrio vulnificus</i> | shrimps                      | Ecuador                                      |       | 1      |
| Hepatitis A Virus        | strawberries, frozen berries | Morocco, Italy                               |       | 2      |
| Norovirus                | oysters                      | Netherlands,<br>France, Ireland,<br>Portugal |       | 13     |
|                          | frozen berries               | Italy                                        |       | 1      |

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