



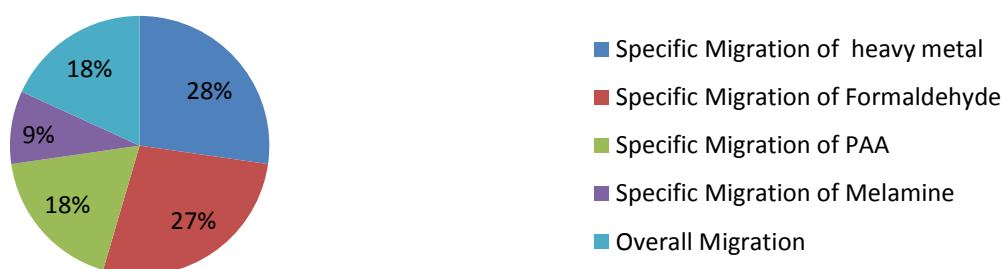
## EU RASFF notification to China concerning about FCM in August 2015

The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) is a rapid alert system that built according to EC/178/2002 published in Jan. 2002. It aims to provide a valid way that enables information to be shared efficiently between its members



There are 190 RASFF notifications this month, including 170 notifications on food, 10 notifications on feed, 10 notifications on food contact materials (FCMs). The major hazards for the notifications on FCMs are migration and excessive heavy metal. Among the notifications, there are 9 of Chinese FCMs products, accounting for 90%, such as knives, plastic bowls, melamine cups, melamine tureen, manual grinder, ice bag, plastic cutlery, latex gloves and metal vessels. Accompanying measures are also taken to recall or withdraw products.

### FCM notification item classification figure



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Country	Product	Subject	Classification
Italy	set of knives 08/20/2015	migration of chromium (13.9 mg/kg - ppm) and too high level of overall migration (>235 mg/dm <sup>2</sup> )	border rejection



Czech Republic	plastic bowls 08/14/2015	migration of formaldehyde (17.8; 18.1 mg/kg - ppm) and of melamine (3.2; 4.2 mg/kg - ppm)	withdrawal from the market
Czech Republic	melamine cups 08/12/2015	migration of formaldehyde (1100; 1000 mg/kg - ppm)	withdrawal from the market
Czech Republic	melamine soup plates 08/12/2015	migration of formaldehyde (29; 17 mg/kg - ppm)	withdrawal from the market
Czech Republic	universal hand grinder 08/10/2015	metal fragments (presence) in and migration of chromium (1.67 mg/kg - ppm)	withdrawal from the market
Czech Republic	icing bags 08/07/2015	migration of primary aromatic amines (0.2 mg/kg - ppm)	withdrawal from the market
Czech Republic	set of plastic kitchen utensils 08/07/2015	migration of primary aromatic amines (0.88 mg/kg - ppm)	
Italy	latex gloves 08/07/2015	too high level of overall migration (1591 mg/kg - ppm)	re-dispatch
Croatia	metal container for edible oil 08/03/2015	migration of chromium (0.35 mg/l) and of manganese (0.19 mg/l)	official detention

## HCT Solutions :

HCT Testing hereby reminds FCMs-related enterprises to enhance the product quality by learning more about the reasons for notifications . FCMs-related enterprises should pay close attention to the foreign technology and regulations and standards so that can minimize economic losses caused by foreign technical trade measures. Secondly, FCMs-related enterprises should enhance the quality and safety awareness, improve and perfect the quality management system and standardize the internal management.

HCT will continue to pay attention to the RASFF notification to China on FCM, and will classify the notified products, help give a previous warning to enterprises according to the collative data. We suggest FCM related enterprises to pay great attention to the key elements in manufacturing process to avoid risk.

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