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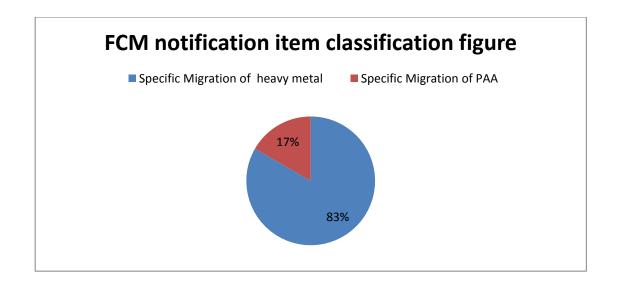
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The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed

(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 9 notifications on food contact materials (FCMs)in September 2015. The major hazards for the notifications on FCMs are migration and excessive heavy metal. Among the notifications, there are 6 of Chinese FCMs products, accounting for 67%.



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Country	Product	Subject	Classification
Italy	Stainless steel cheese knife 09/23/2015	migration of chromium (0.4 mg/kg - ppm)	border rejection

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Italy	Stainless steel knife 2015.BES	migration of chromium (0.4 mg/kg - ppm)	border rejection
Italy	Butter knife, Cut bone knife and set of knife 2015.BLH	migration of chromium (3.3mg/kg - ppm) migration of manganese (0.2mg/kg - ppm)and too high level of overall migration (25 mg/dm²)	Re delivery
Germany	Napkin 09/11/2015	migration of primary aromatic amines (7.75µg/l)	recall from consumers
Italy	Stainless steel knife 09/08/2015	migration of chromium (0.5;1.7;2.6mg/l)	withdrawal from the market
Germany	Glass cup 09/08/2015	migration of chromium (1.33;1.53;1.63;1.62 mg/item) migration of lead (24.7;27.1;29.4;29.4mg/item)	withdrawal from the market

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Food contact materials exports of china have been informed frequently on RASFF . There are two main reasons. One is the EU regulations system is relatively complex. Factors such as temperature and time and the type of food in the product may affect the accuracy of the test results. Secondly, many member states of the EU have specialized domestic regulations, and the focus is different. For example, Italy domestic regulations on metal products 21/3/1973 DM are stricter than other EU countries. In addition, China national standard GB9684 only have the requirement on chromium, nickel, lead, cadmium, arsenic five elements, but Italy also has the additional requirement on manganese element.

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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