

PRESS Release

Keeping European Consumers Safe Rapid Alert System for Dangerous Non-food Products 2015 Report

The European Commission has published the Rapid Alert System 2015 report. PROSAFE congratulates the Commission on this achievement.

During the last ten years the Joint Market Surveillance Actions, co-funded by the Commission and coordinated by PROSAFE, have continuously contributed to the number of RAPEX notifications by the Member States. But these notifications are at the same time an important source of information for the priority setting for the planning of new Joint Actions.

Since 2006 PROSAFE has coordinated 22 Joint Actions on 49 products in the area of consumer and professional products. Recently Joint Actions related to energy labelling have started in the framework of the Horizon 2020 program.

Rapid Alert System for dangerous non-food products between Member States is extremely important to protect the users of these products, and issuing RAPEX notifications forms an integral part of the Joint Actions coordinated by PROSAFE. According to the statistics from the recently finished Joint Action 2013, the participants in this Action issued:

- 22 RAPEX notifications on cots or travel cots
- 11 RAPEX notification on kick scooters
- 5 RAPEX notifications on smoke detectors

These figures only refer to notifications for products presenting a serious risk. In addition, a number of notification have been sent concerning products presenting a less-than-serious risk or for information to the other Member States. Moreover, work is still in progress for a number of cases and will inevitable increase the number in the coming months.

Joint Action 2013 was coordinated by PROSAFE. In this Action, 25 authorities from 21 Member States and EEA countries participated. It finished in February 2016 and final reports on the major activities have been or will soon be published. Find them and more information on the JA2013 on www.prosafe.org.