

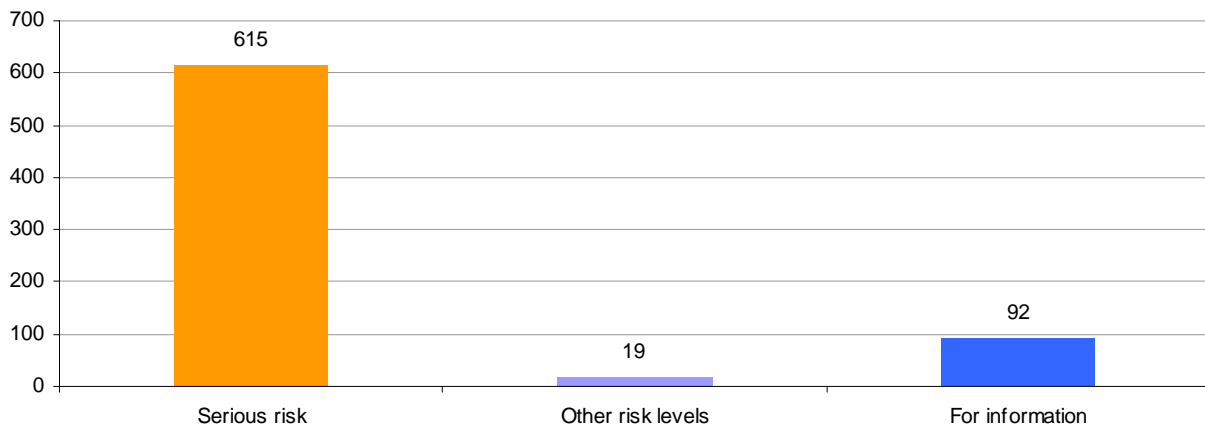


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RAPEX statistics (1 January – 30 June 2011)

In accordance with the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC (GPSD) and Regulation 765/2008, from January to June 2011 inclusive, the Commission validated **726 notifications** and transmitted them to the Member States and EEA-countries, namely:

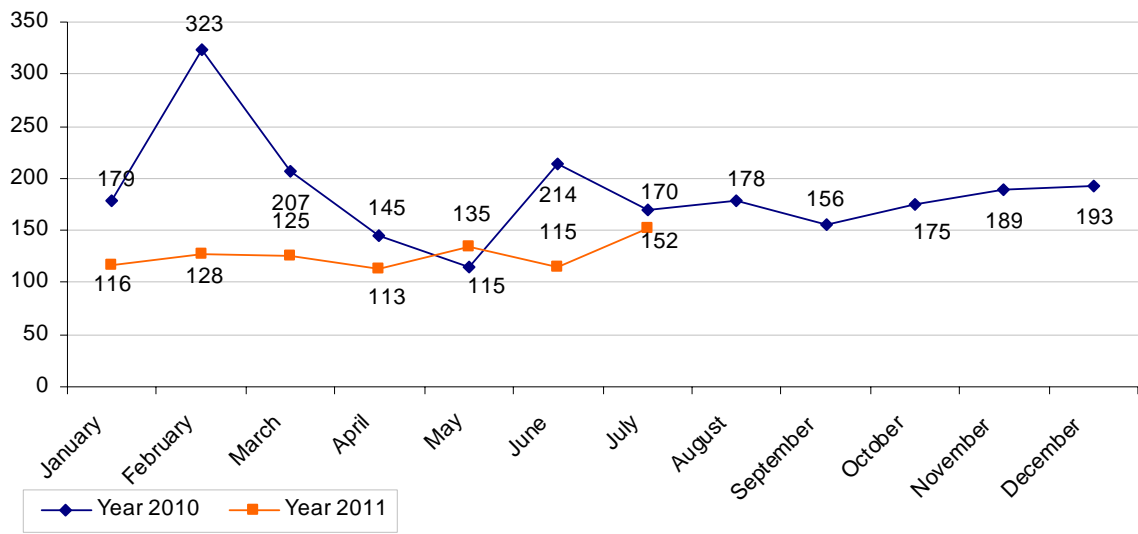
- **Serious risk:**¹ **615** notifications (85%) compared to 1.030 for the same period in 2010 (40% decrease),
- **Other risk levels:**² **19** notifications (3%) compared to 13 for the same period in 2010 (46% increase),
- **For information:** **92** notifications (13%) compared to 142 for the same period in 2010 (35% decrease).



Compared to the same period in 2010, the total number of notifications has significantly decreased. During the first six months of 2010 there were 1.185 notifications, compared to 726 in the same period of 2011, which is corresponding to a decrease of **39%**.

¹ Article 12 of the GPSD and Article 22 of Regulation 765/2008.

² Article 11 of the GPSD and Article 23 of Regulation 765/2008.

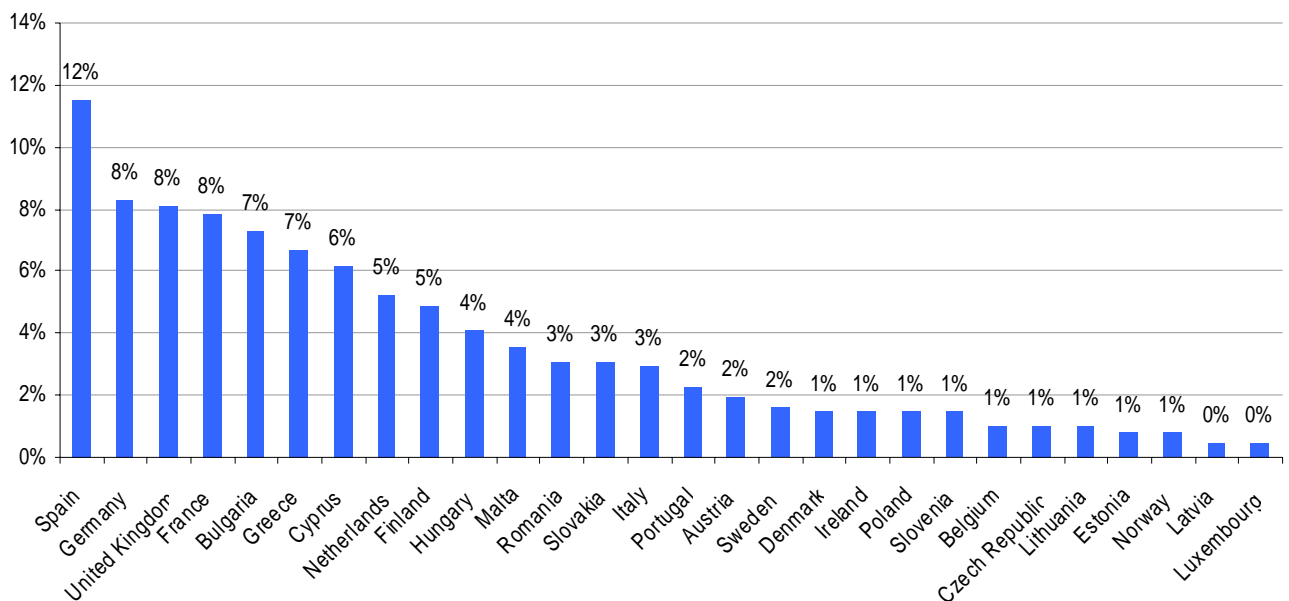
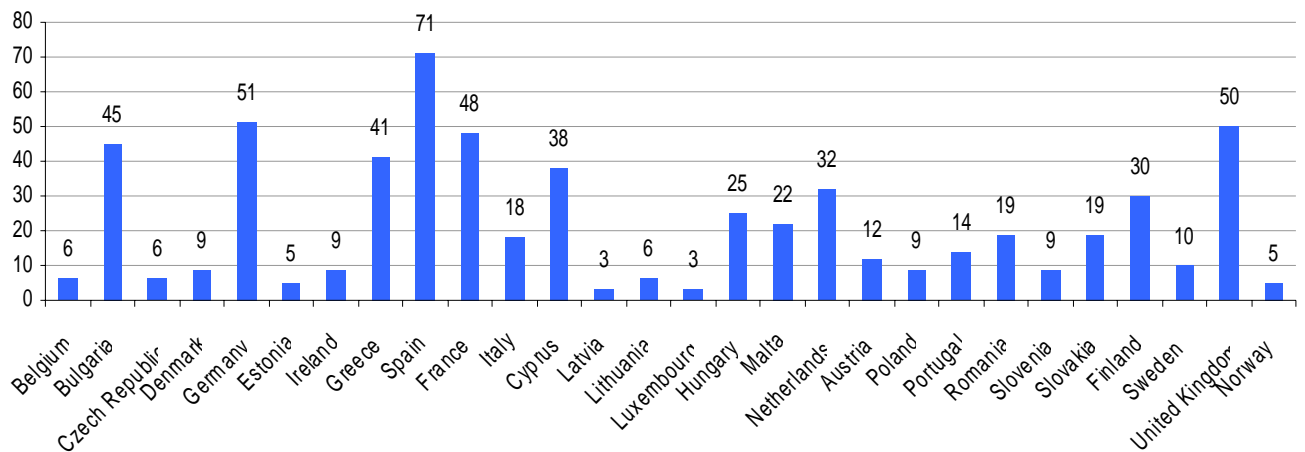


In the following charts, the figures concern only notifications on products posing a serious risk distributed through RAPEX under Article 12 of the GPSD and Article 22 of Regulation 765/2008. Notifications distributed under Article 11 of the GPSD and Article 23 of Regulation 765/2008 and notifications sent for information purposes are not covered.

1. Notifying country

During January-June 2011, 27 EU Member States plus Norway sent notifications through the RAPEX system. The following five most frequently notifying countries accounted for 43% of all notifications:

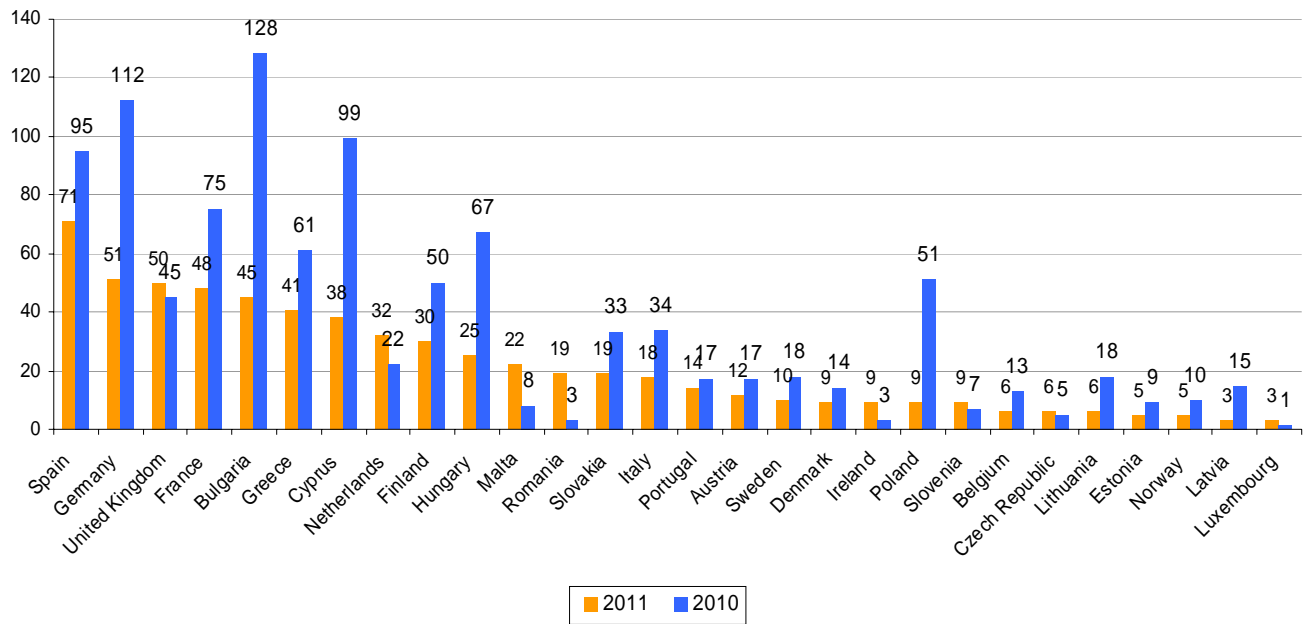
- Spain: 71 notifications (12%),
- Germany: 51 notifications (8%),
- United Kingdom: 50 notifications (8%),
- France: 48 notifications (8%),
- Bulgaria: 45 notifications (7%).



The three main notifying countries of January-June 2010 were Bulgaria, Germany and Cyprus. Spain and United Kingdom are joining Germany in the top 3 in the same reference period of 2010.

The share of the top 5 countries of the total number of notifications is constant (43% in 2010 and 43% in 2011).

All EU-countries have sent at least one notification in January-June 2011, as in 2010.

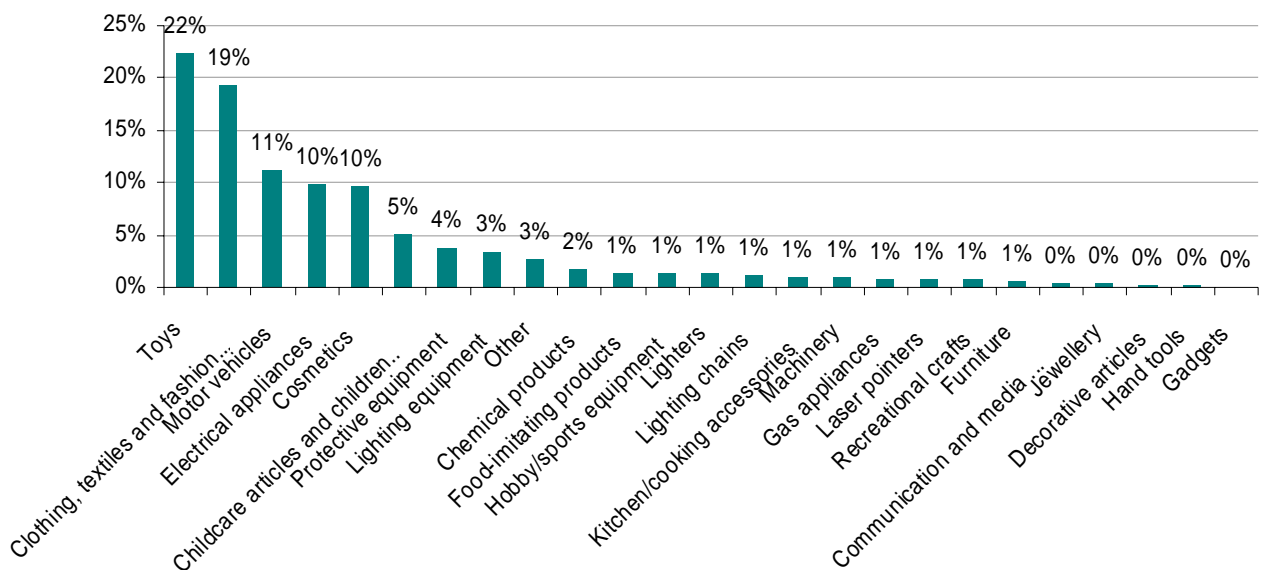
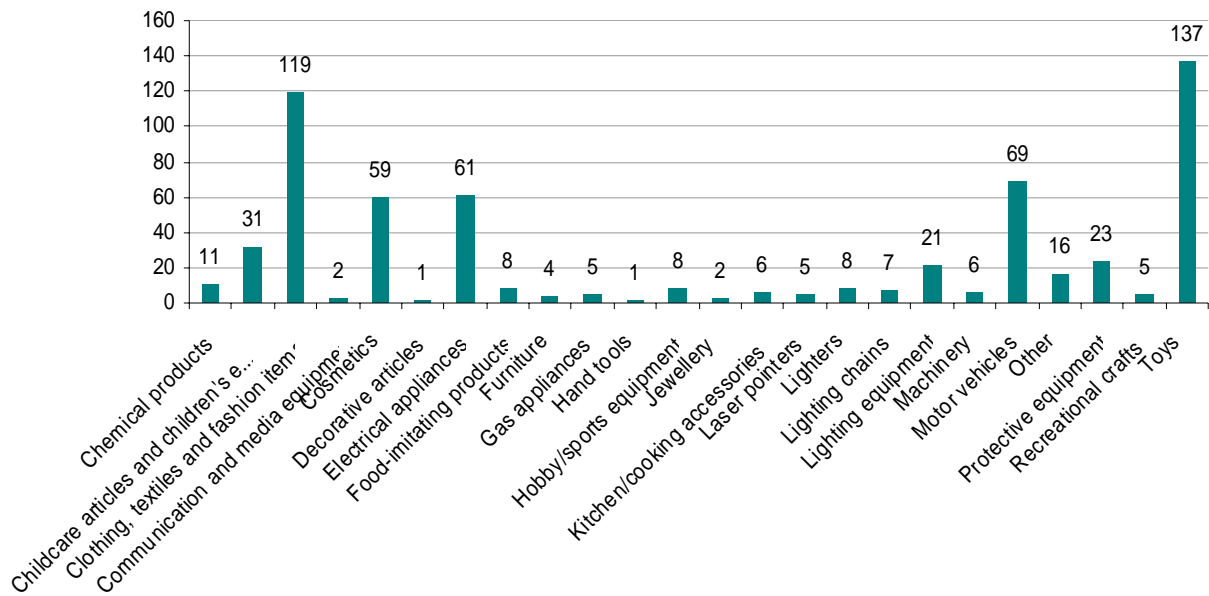


2. Product category

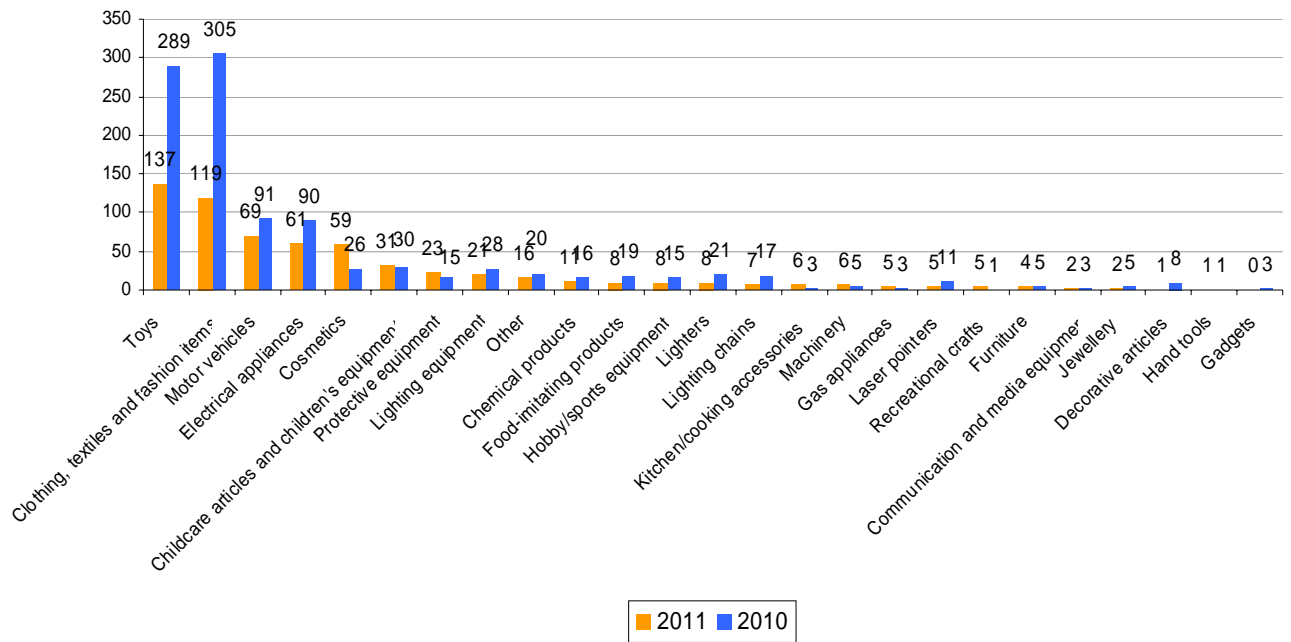
2.1. Product category

The notifications validated between January and June cover 24 categories of products. The following five most frequently notified product categories accounted for 72% of all notifications:

- Toys: 137 notifications (22%),
- Clothing, textiles and fashion items: 119 notifications (19%),
- Motor vehicles: 69 notifications (11%),
- Electrical appliances: 61 notifications (10%),
- Cosmetics: 59 notifications (10%).



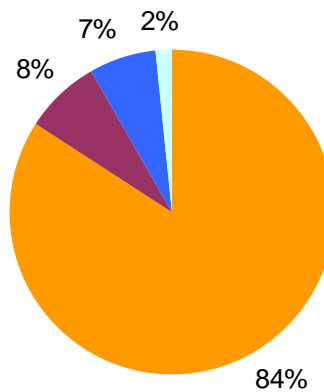
The product categories so far in 2011 are more or less coherent with the product categories of the same reference period, January-June, in 2010. The three main product categories of January-June 2010 were 'Toys', 'Clothing, textiles and fashion items' and 'Motor vehicles'. These categories are again the three main product categories in 2011.



2.2. Brand and Type/number of model of the notified products

84% of the notifications validated in January-June concerned products for which both brand and the type/model number were known, which ensures a better identification and therefore traceability of the notified products. In 15% of the cases, either the brand or the type/model number was known. Only in 10 cases (2%) were both the brand and the type/model number unknown.

	Type/number of model Known	Type/number of model Unknown	Total
Brand Known	517	41	558
Brand Unknown	47	10	57
	564	51	615

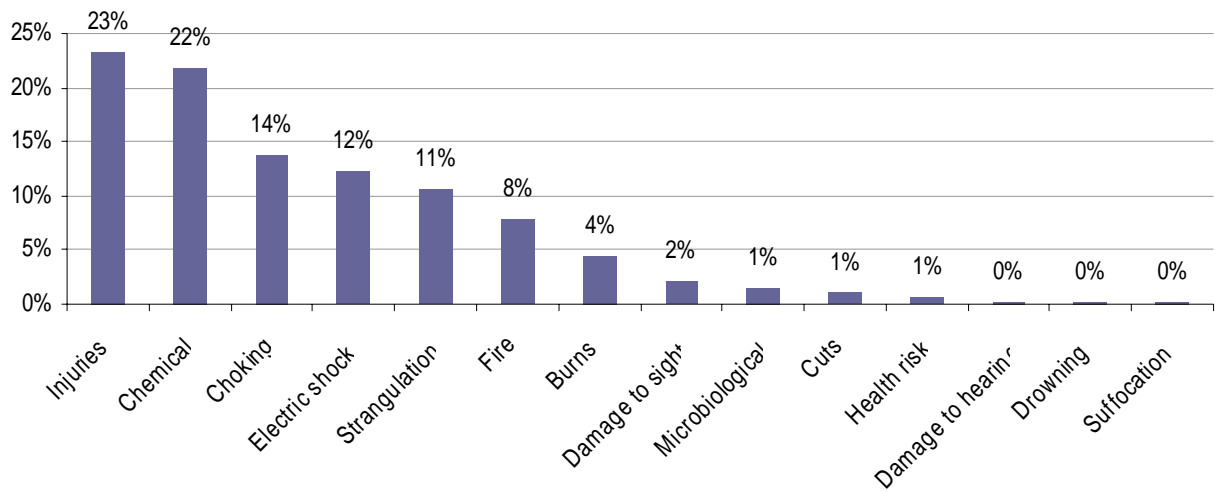
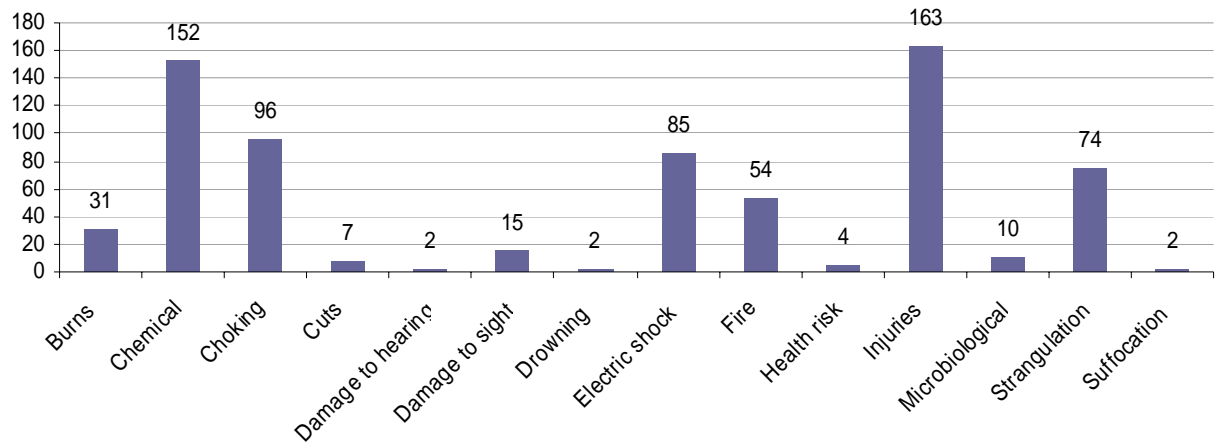


Brand Known + Type/number of model Known	Brand Unknown + Type/number of model Known
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3. Type of risk³

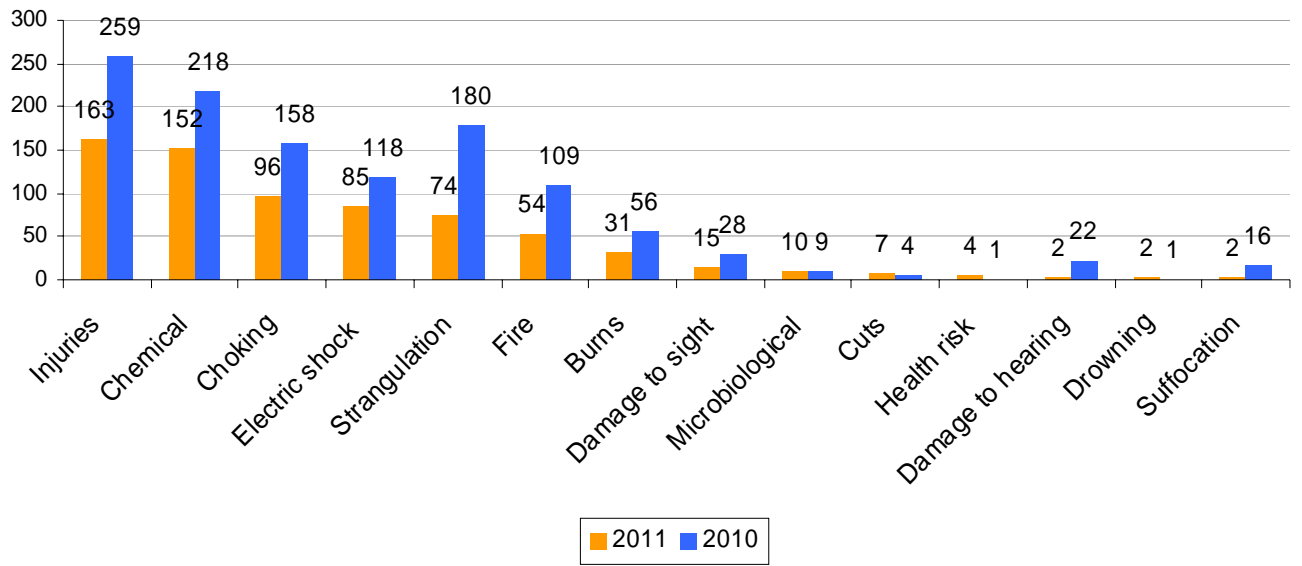
The notifications validated between January and June covered 14 different types of risk. The following five most frequently notified risk categories accounted for 82% of all notifications:

- Injuries: 163 notifications (23%),
- Chemical: 152 notifications (22%),
- Choking: 96 notifications (14%),
- Electric shock: 85 notifications (12%),
- Strangulation: 74 notifications (11%).



The risk categories so far in 2011 are more or less coherent with the product categories of the same reference period, January-June, in 2010. The five main risk categories of January-June 2010 were: 'Injuries', 'Chemical', 'Strangulation', 'Choking' and 'Electric shock'. The risk categories 'Injuries' and 'Strangulation' continue to be frequently notified. This is linked to the increase of notifications of product category 'Clothing, textiles and fashion items'.

³ The number here is different from the number of notifications, because one notified product can present more than one specific risk.



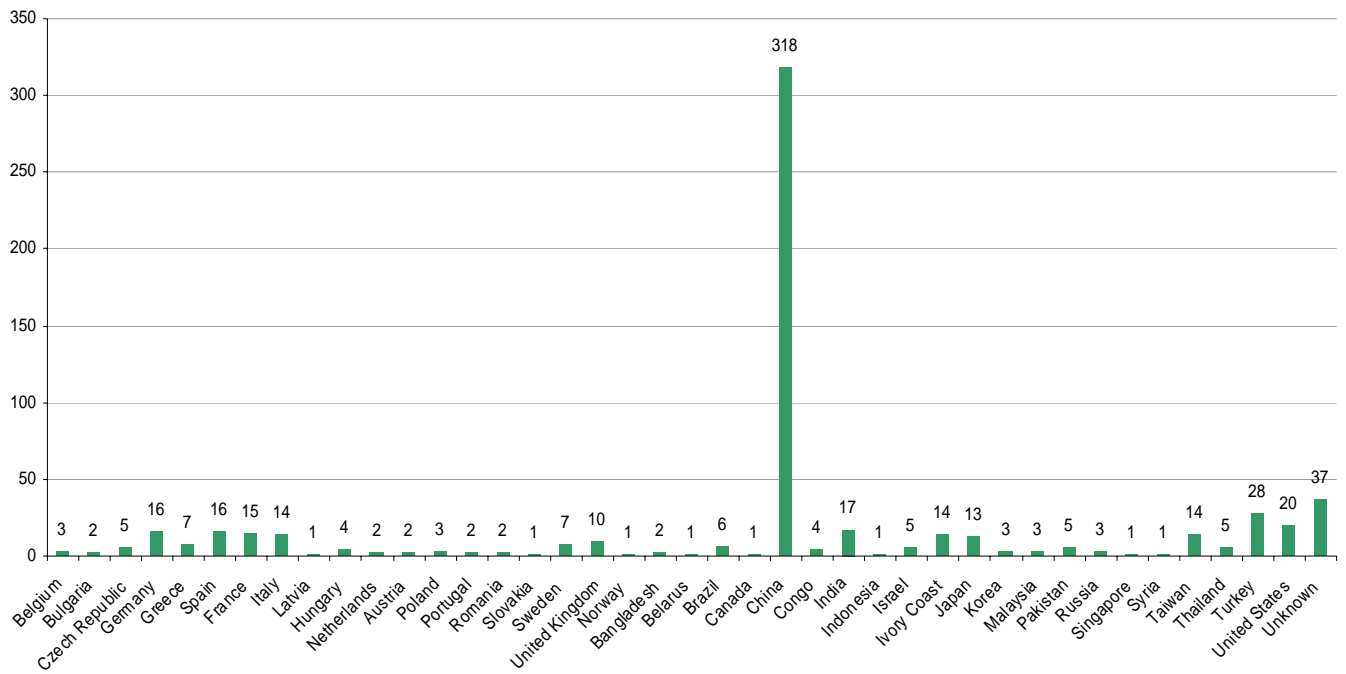
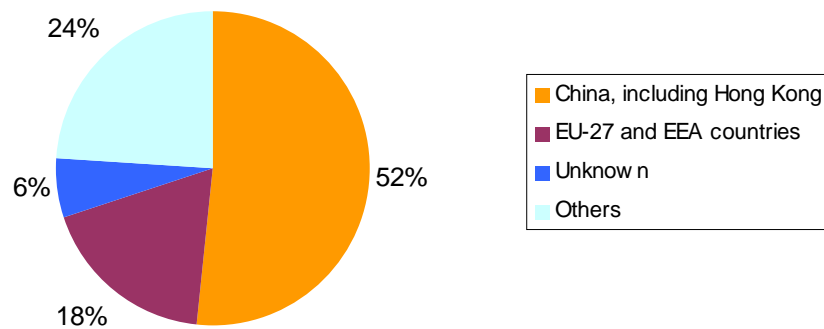
4. Country of origin of the notified product

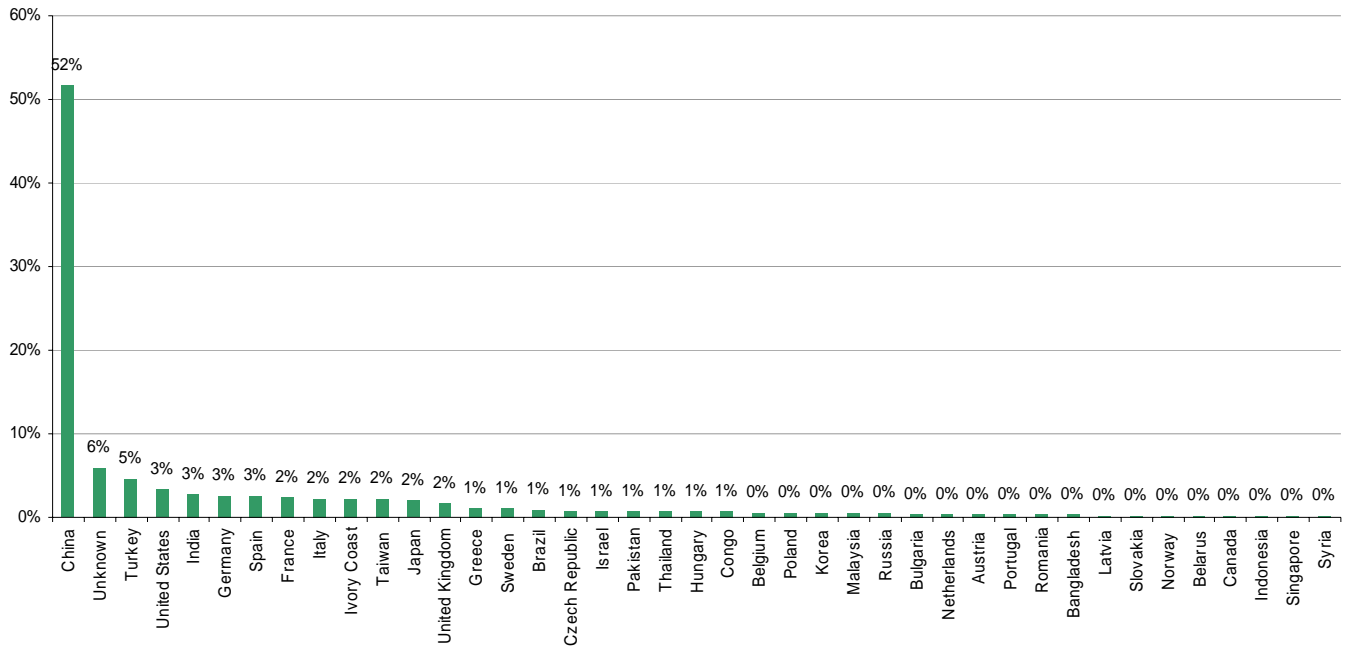
More than half of the dangerous products notified during January-June 2011 originated from China, including Hong Kong (318 notifications, 52%).

113 notifications (18%) submitted during January-June concerned products originating from the Member States and EFTA/EEA countries. In total, 18 Member States plus Norway of the EU were reported as the country of origin for the notified products.

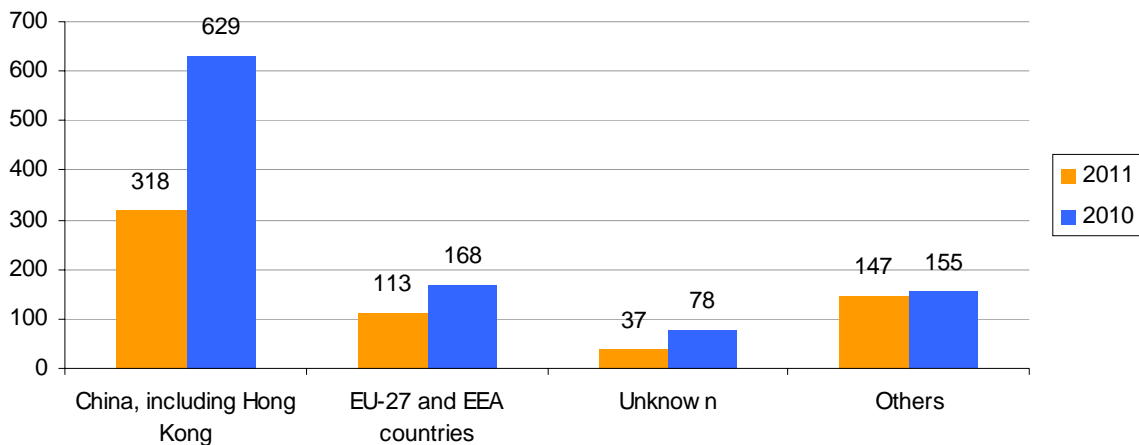
147 notifications (24%) concerned products originating in other countries.

37 notifications (6%) contained no information about the country of origin of the notified product.





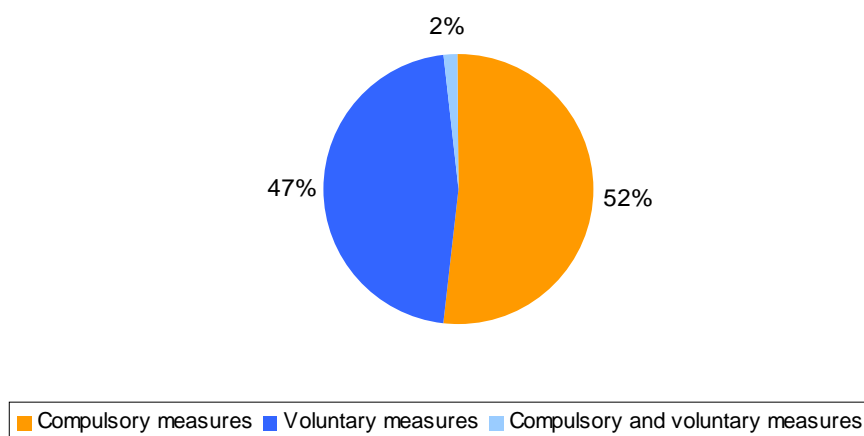
The shares are more or less comparable to the same reference period last year. The share of 'China, including Hong Kong' decreases from 63% to 52%; the share of the other third countries ('others') rise from 15% to 24%. The number of notifications for which the country of origin has been declared 'Unknown' is slightly decreasing (from 8% to 6%). The number of notifications on products originating from the Member States and the EEA-countries remains more or less the same; their share increases from 16% to 18%.



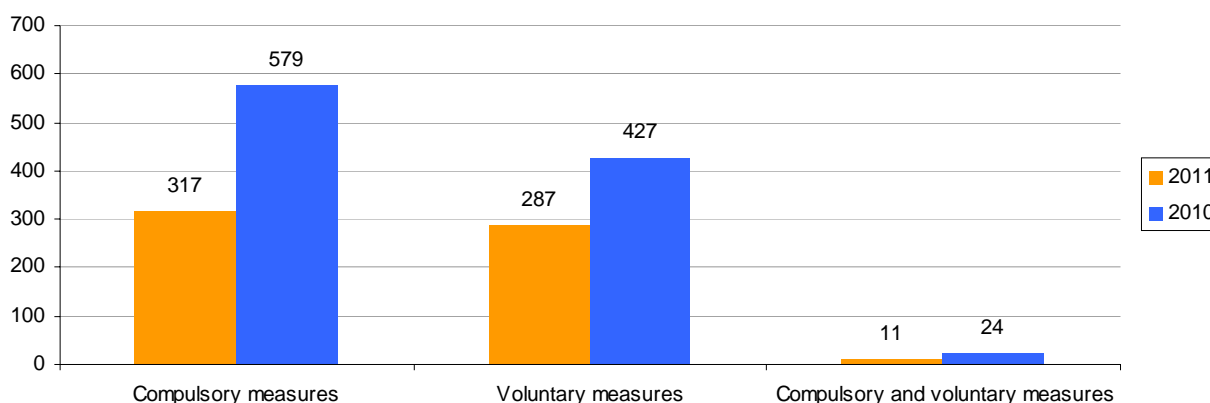
5. Measures adopted

From January to June, 317 notifications (52%) were of compulsory preventive and restrictive measures ordered by national authorities ('compulsory measures'). In 287 other notifications (47%), economic operators took preventive and restrictive measures on a 'voluntary' basis ('voluntary measures'), i.e. they complied with their legal obligations without the formal intervention of a national authority. Only 11 cases (2%) of 'voluntary' action were complemented by compulsory measures taken by the national authority.

In most cases, there is more than one measure adopted in relation to a notified product, *e.g.* in a majority of cases where the authorities ordered a sales ban, they also ordered a withdrawal from the market.



For the period January-June last year, most notifications concerned measures initiated by the authorities. For the same period in 2011, this is still the case. The share of the compulsory measures decreases from 57% to 52%; the share of the voluntary measures increases from 41% to 47%; the share of cases where measures were taken both on a compulsory and a voluntary basis remains about 2-3%.



Of the 317 compulsory measures, 38 (12%) were initiated by the customs authorities, in particular:

- 21 in Spain,
- 10 in Finland,
- 5 in Italy,
- 1 in Netherlands and Portugal.

This is a decrease compared to the same reference period in 2010, where 77 (13%) out of the 579 notifications with compulsory measures were initiated by the customs authorities.

Number of notifications by type of measure per country (absolute values):

	Compulsory measures	Voluntary measures	Compulsory and voluntary measures	Total
Belgium		6		6
Bulgaria	44	1		45
Czech Republic	5	1		6
Denmark	1	8		9
Germany	2	47	2	51
Estonia	5			5
Ireland		9		9
Greece	16	25		41
Spain	60	11		71
France	18	27	3	48
Italy	17	1		18
Cyprus	32	5	1	38
Latvia	2	1		3
Lithuania	3	3		6
Luxembourg	3			3
Hungary	25			25
Malta		22		22
Netherlands	13	19		32
Austria	1	11		12
Poland	3	6		9
Portugal	4	10		14
Romania	17	2		19
Slovenia	1	8		9
Slovakia	10	8	1	19
Finland	22	7	1	30
Sweden		10		10
United Kingdom	13	34	3	50
Norway		5		5
Grand Total	317	287	11	615