

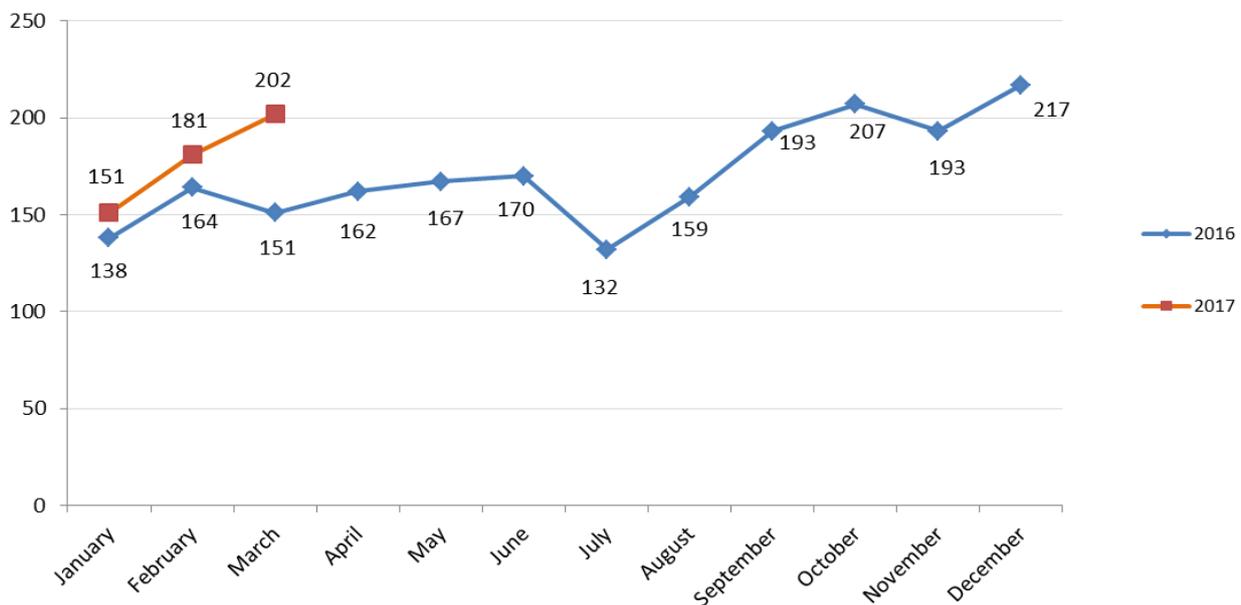


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Statistics on RAPEX notifications (March 2017)

In accordance with the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC (GPSD) and Regulation 765/2008, in March 2017 the European Commission validated **202 notifications**¹ on dangerous products and transmitted them to the Member States (EU Member States and EEA-EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway). Most of these concerned products presenting serious risk: 154 notifications (76%). 14 notifications (7%) concerned products presenting less than serious risk and 34 notifications (17%) were circulated for information.

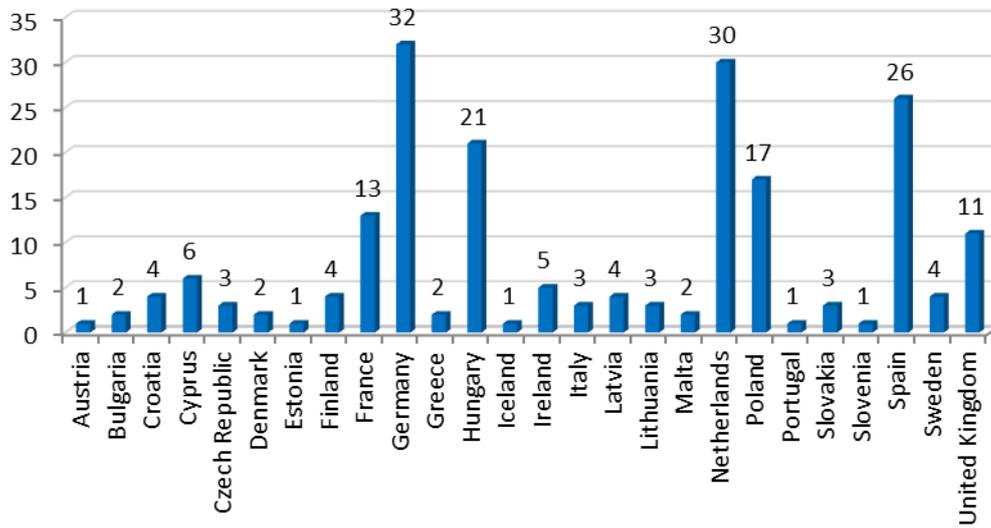
Compared to the total number of notifications on dangerous products submitted during the month of March 2016 (151) the number of notifications was 34% higher in March 2017.



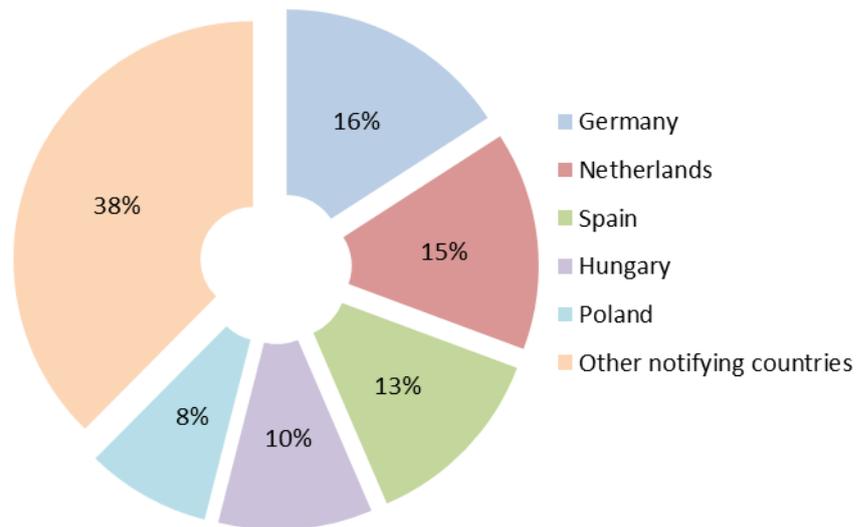
¹ These figures do not include notifications on professional products and products posing risks other than health and safety.

1. Notifying country

During the month of March, 25 EU Member States and Iceland sent notifications on dangerous products through the RAPEX system.



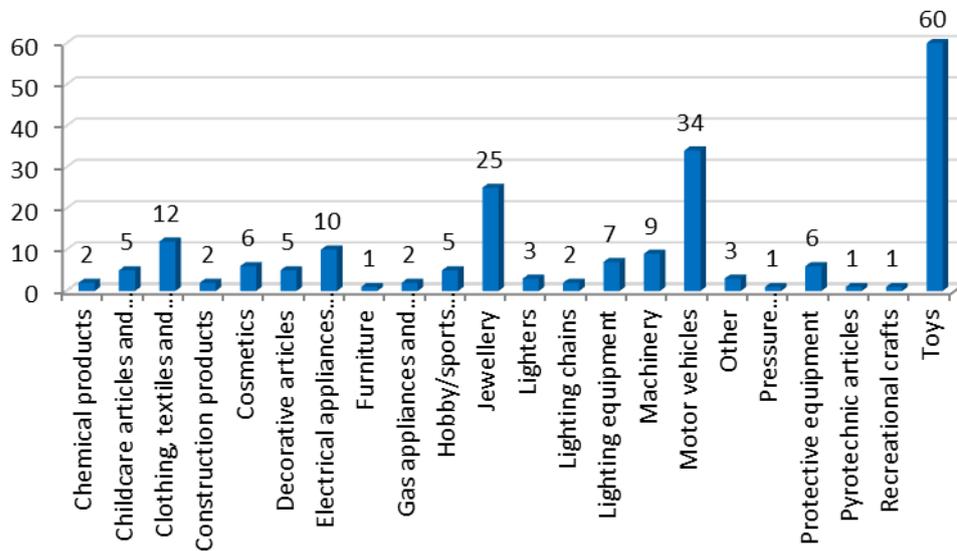
The five most frequently notifying countries accounted for 62% of the notifications:



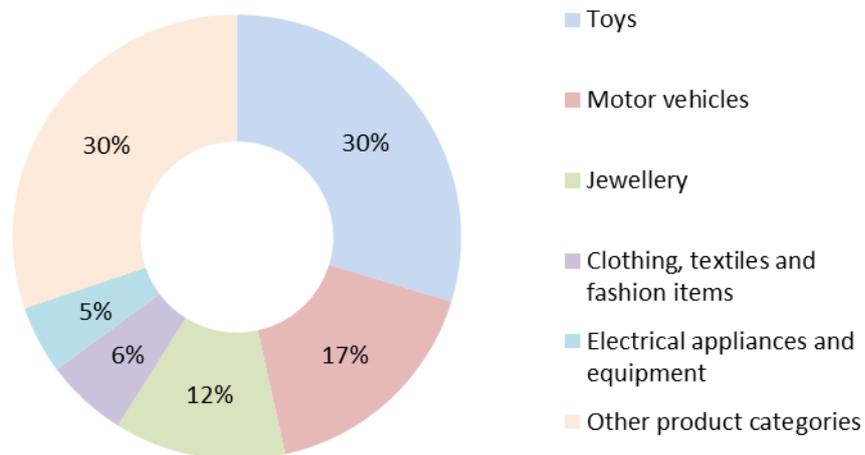
2. Product

2.1. Product category

The notifications validated in March covered 22 categories of products.



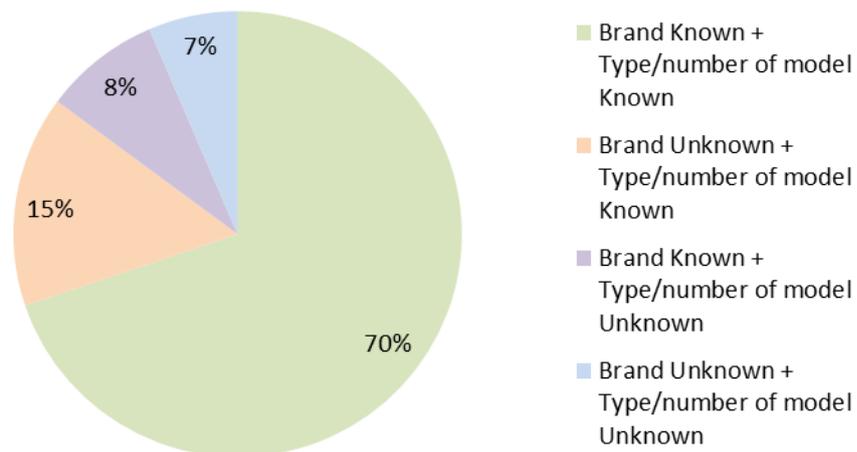
The five most frequently notified product categories accounted for 70% of all notifications:



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

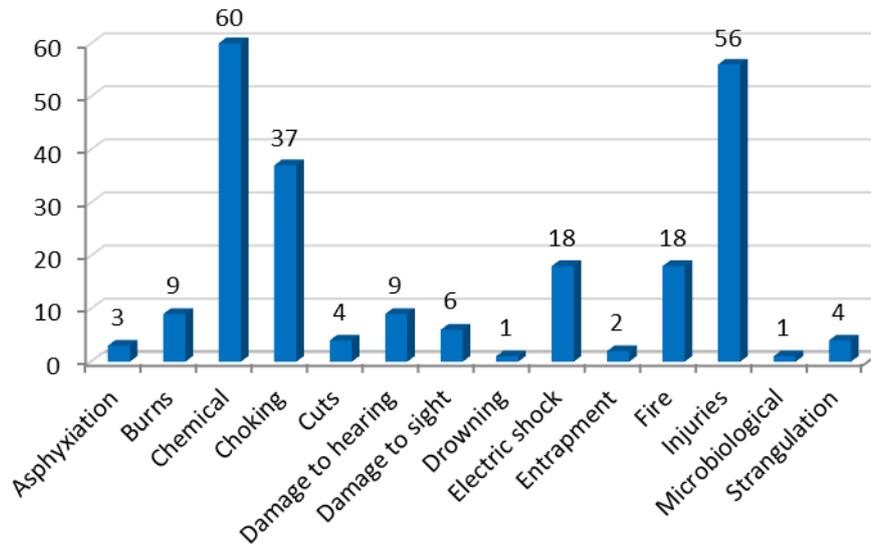
70% of the notifications validated in March concerned products for which both brand and the type/model number were known. This has ensured a better identification and therefore traceability of the notified products. In 23% of the cases, either the brand or the type/model number was known. In 7% of the cases, both the brand and the type/model number were unknown.

	Brand Known	Brand Unknown	Total
Type/number of model Known	141	31	172
Type/number of model Unknown	17	13	30
Total	158	44	202

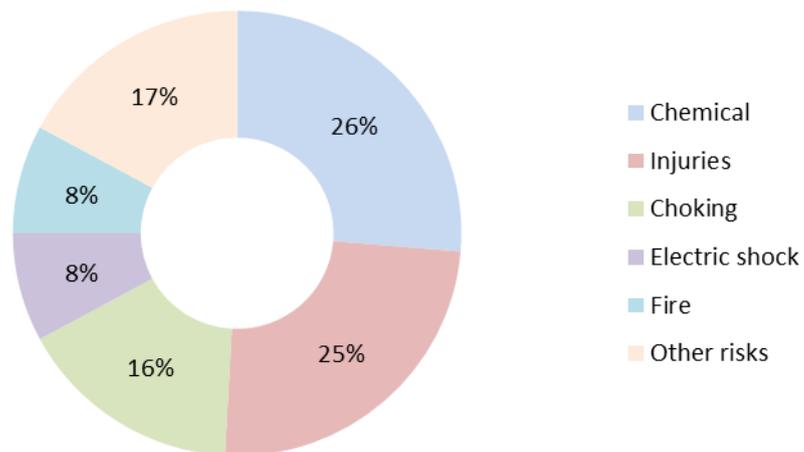


3. Type of risk²

The notifications validated in March covered 14 different types of risk.



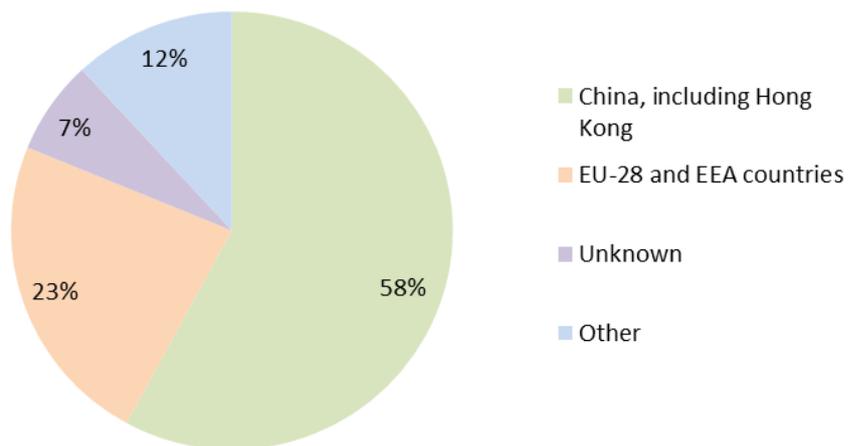
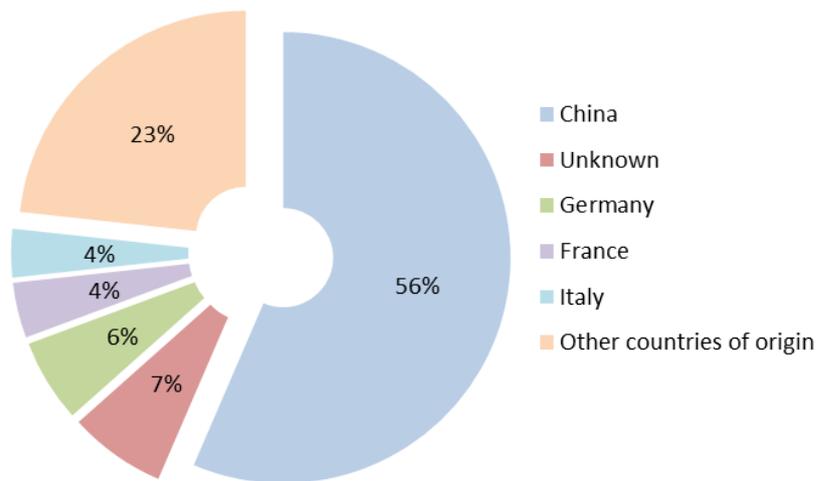
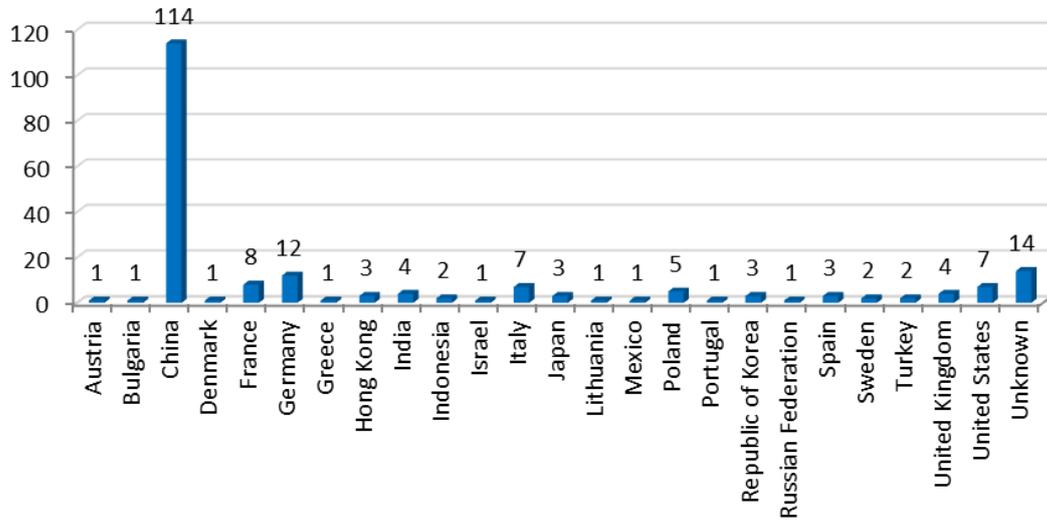
The five most frequently notified risk categories accounted for 83% of all notifications:



² The total number of risks is different from the number of notifications, because one notified product can present more than one specific risk.

4. Country of origin

From the dangerous products notified, about half originated from China. 47 notifications (23%) concerned products originating from EU Member States. 24 notifications (12%) concerned products originating in other countries. In 14 notifications (7%) the information available did not allow for identification of the country of origin of the notified product.

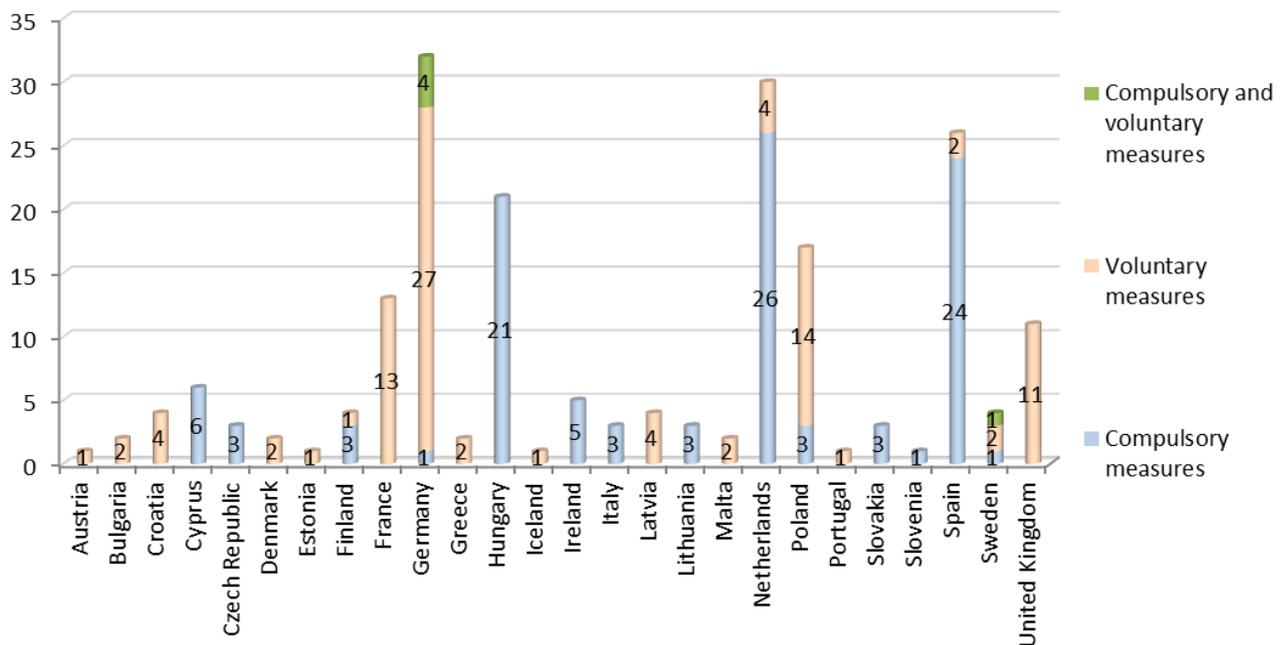


5. Measures adopted

In the month of March, 103 notifications (51%) were of compulsory preventive and restrictive measures ordered by national authorities ('compulsory measures'). In 94 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. In 5 cases both types of measures were applied. It is very frequent that there is more than one measure adopted in relation to a notified product. That is, it is regularly the case, that when the authorities ordered a sales ban they have also ordered a withdrawal from the market.

There were 10 cases where the compulsory measures were initiated by a customs authority, and this was in Slovenia and Spain.

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



6. Professional products and products posing risks other than health and safety

Adding up to these notifications, in the month of March were also validated 3 further notifications on professional products. All of them concerned motor vehicles notified by Germany and France. The risk signalled was "injuries".

There were no notifications signalling consumer products posing risks other than for health and safety.