

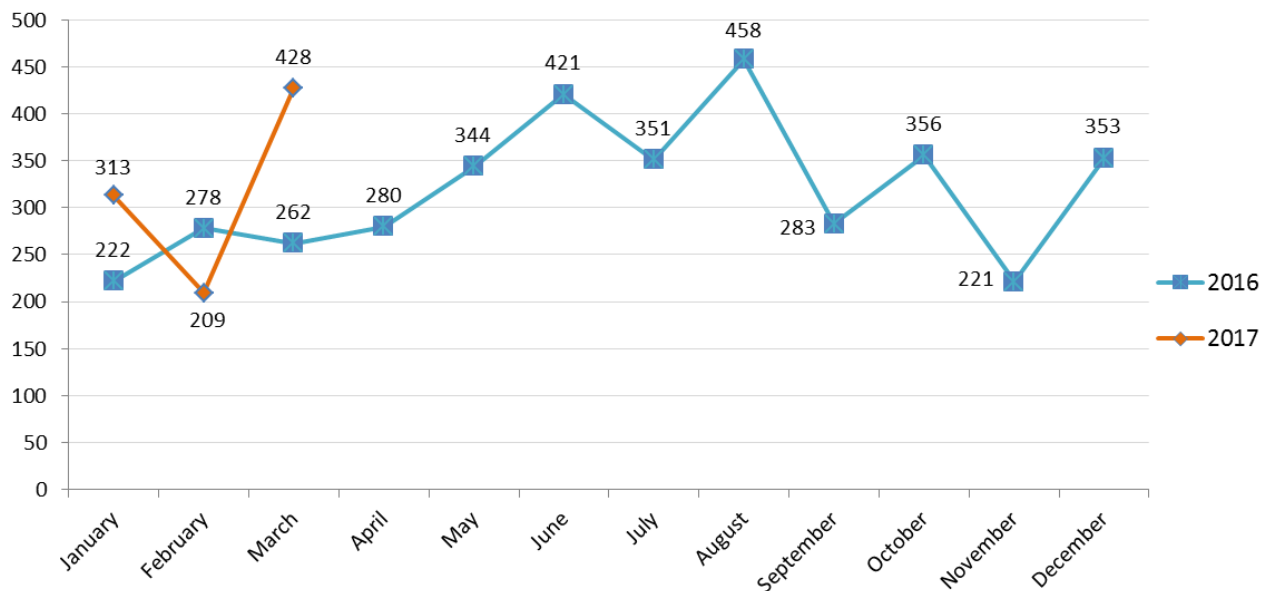


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Statistics on the reactions to RAPEX notifications (March 2017)

In accordance with the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC (GPSD) and Regulation 765/2008, in March 2017 the European Commission validated **428 reactions**¹ to notifications distributed through RAPEX and transmitted them to the Member States (EU Member States and the EEA-EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway). Almost the total of reactions concerned dangerous products notified as posing serious risk, 20 reactions concerned notifications of products posing less than serious risk and 3 reaction concerned a notification which was circulated "For information" among national authorities.

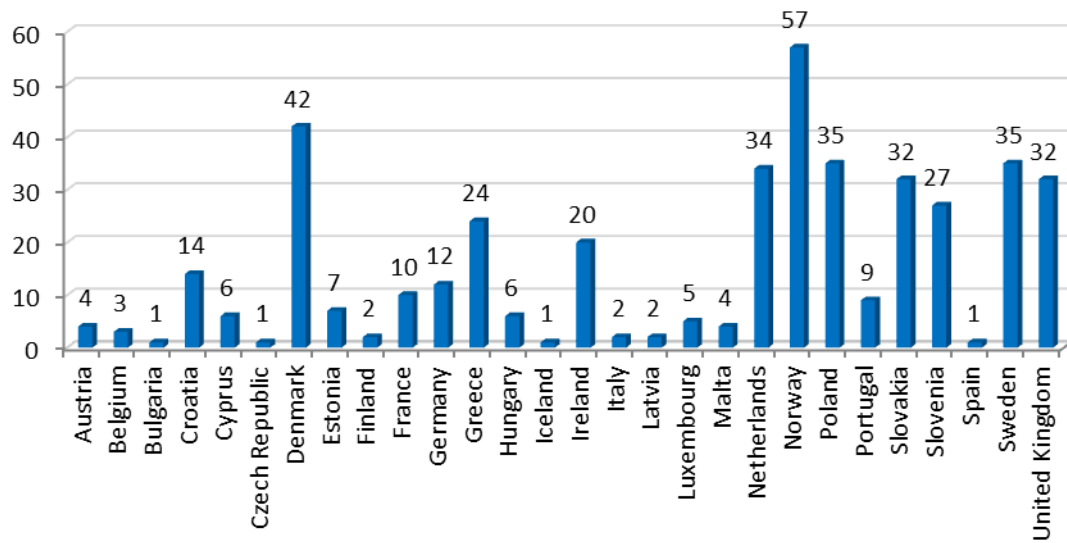
Since April 2016 big increases in the number of reactions were observed in some months. The number of reactions registered in March 2017 (428) is 68% higher than the one registered in March 2016 (262).



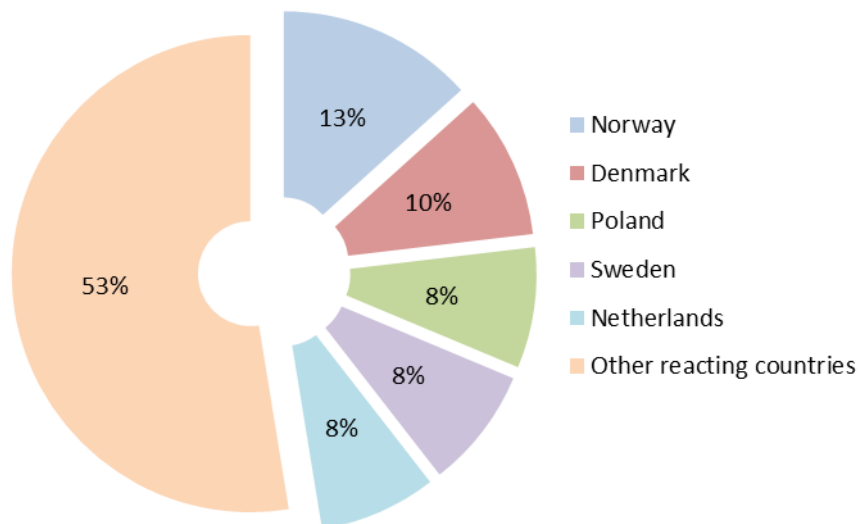
¹ These figures do not include reactions to notifications on professional products and products posing risks other than health and safety.

1. Reacting countries

In March 2017, 26 EU Member States, Iceland and Norway sent reactions.



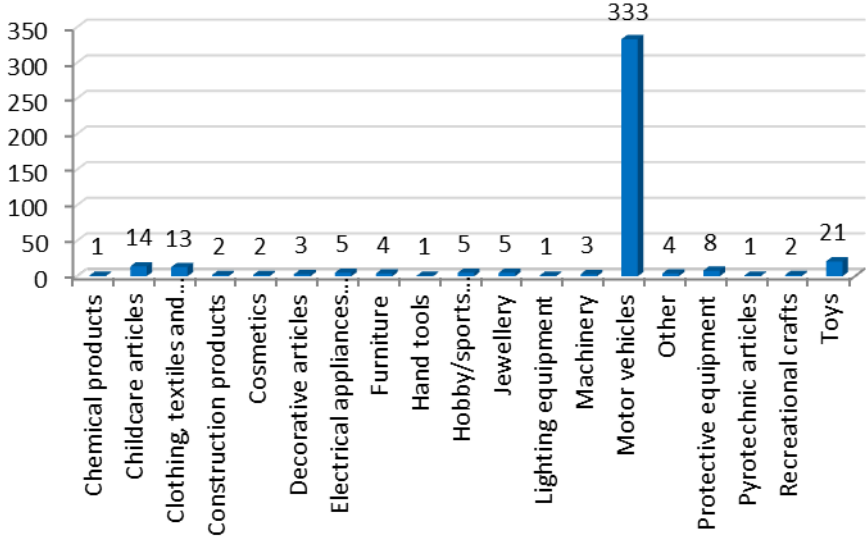
The top five countries accounted for 47% of all reactions:



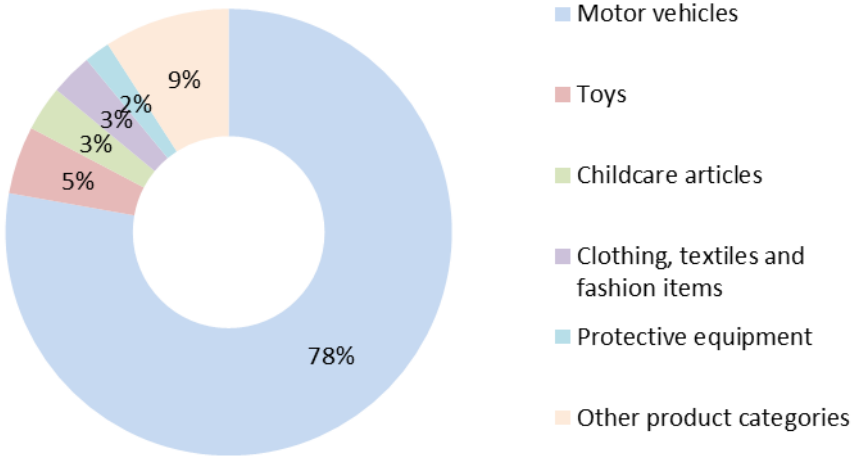
2. Reactions by product

2.1. Product category

Notifications concerning motor vehicles generated the largest share of reactions (78% of all reactions).

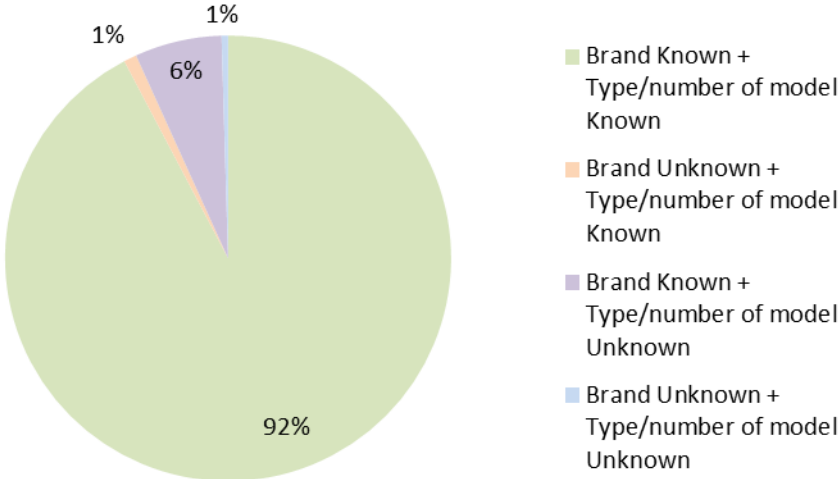


The top five product categories account for 91% of all reactions received concerning RAPEX notifications.



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

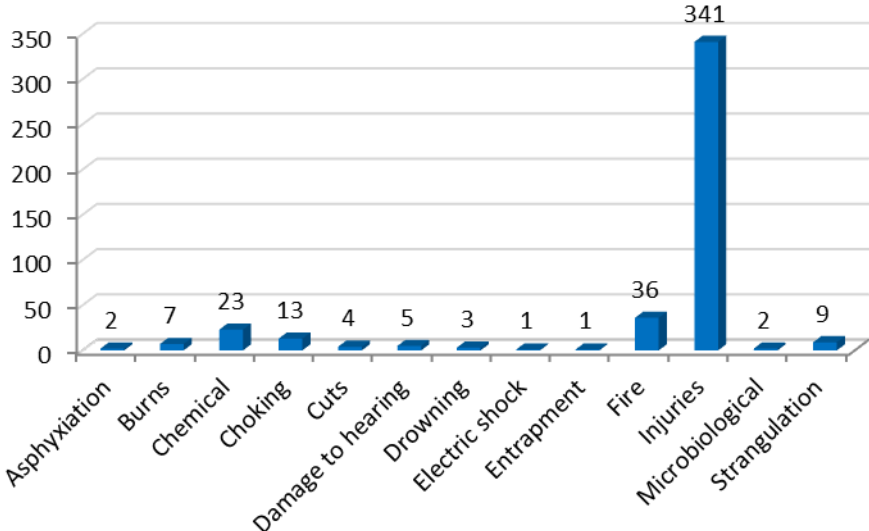
In March, nearly all reactions received concerned notifications on products of which both brand and type/number of model were known (92%). The remaining reactions concerned notifications which contained either the brand or the type or number of model of the dangerous product, except for 2 cases where both were unknown.



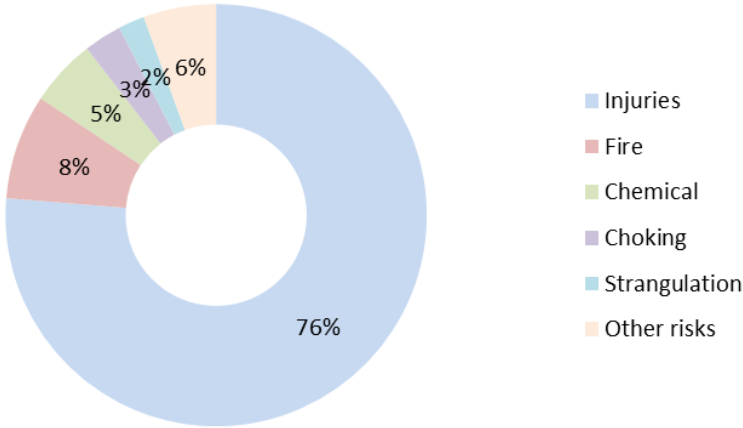
3. Reactions by risk category

Most of the reactions received were sent in response to notifications about consumer products posing a risk of injuries. Most of these are linked to the high share of reactions received concerning motor vehicles notifications.

Some reactions concerned products that presented more than just one risk: therefore the total number of risks reacted to (447) is higher than the total number of reactions (428).

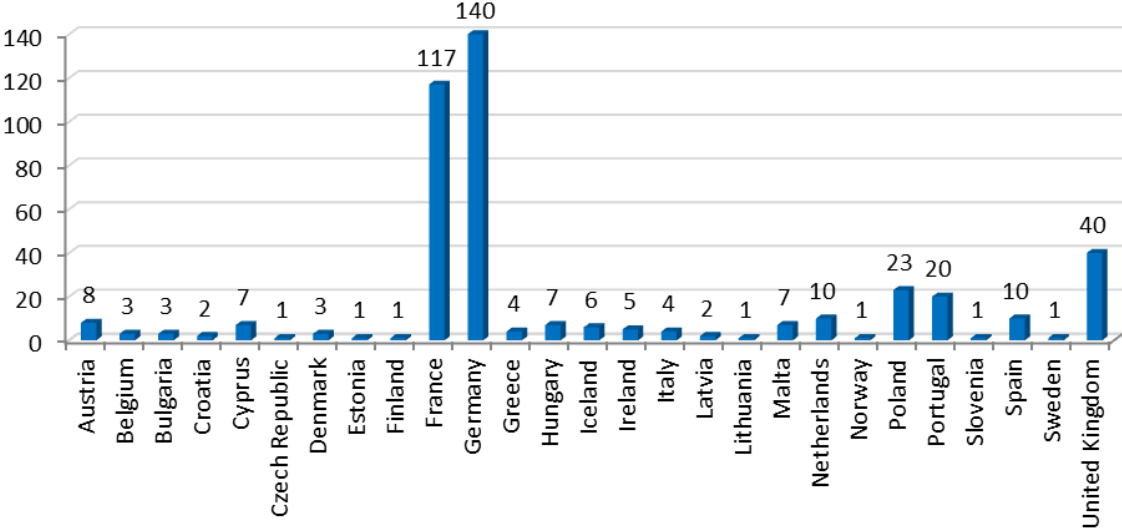


The top five risk categories:

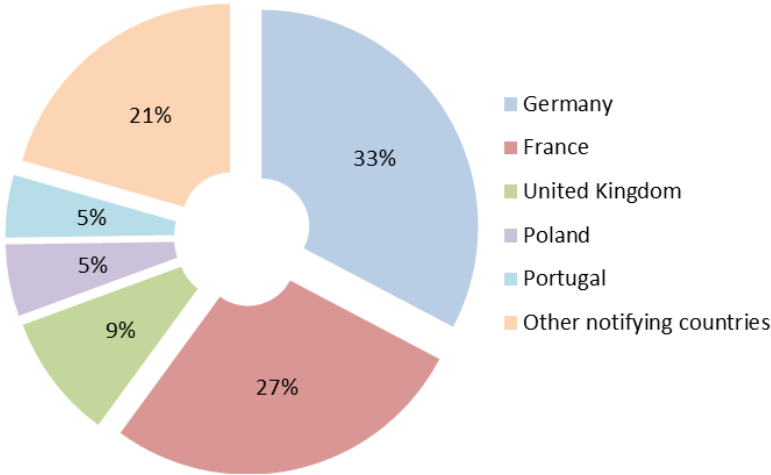


4. Reactions by notifying country

The reactions received in March concerned notifications originally sent by 25 EU Member States, Iceland and Norway.

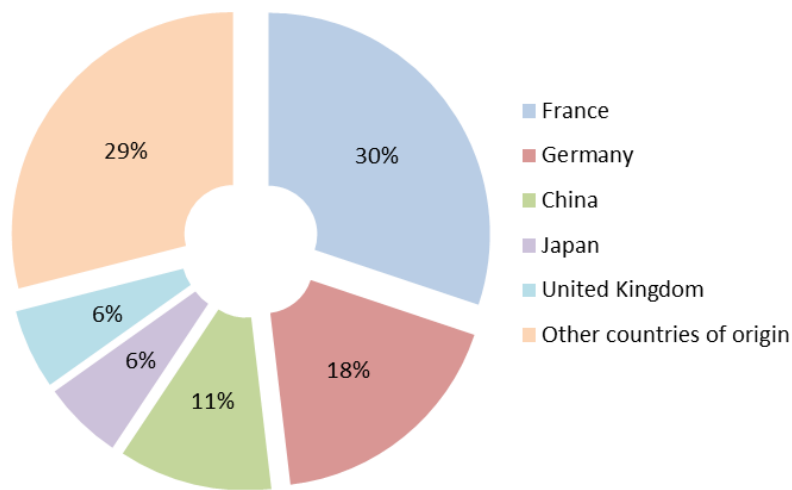
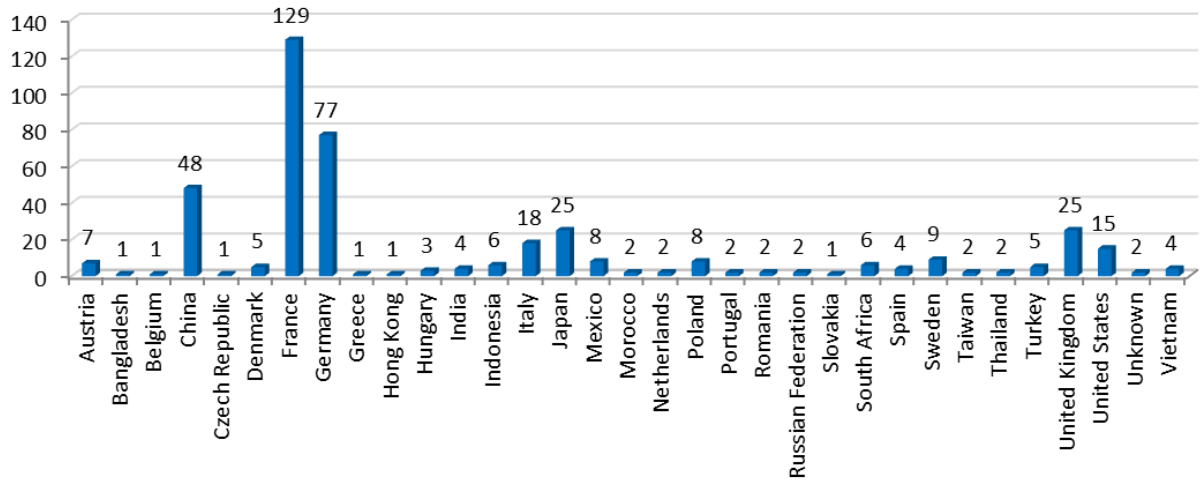


The top five notifying countries accounted for 77% of the total of reactions:

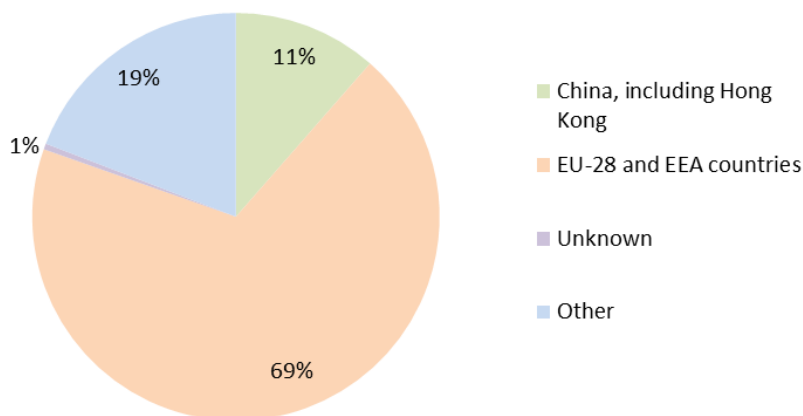


5. Reactions by country of origin

Whereas 58% of the dangerous products notified in March originate in China (including Hong Kong), only 11% of the reactions concerned notifications of products originating from China.

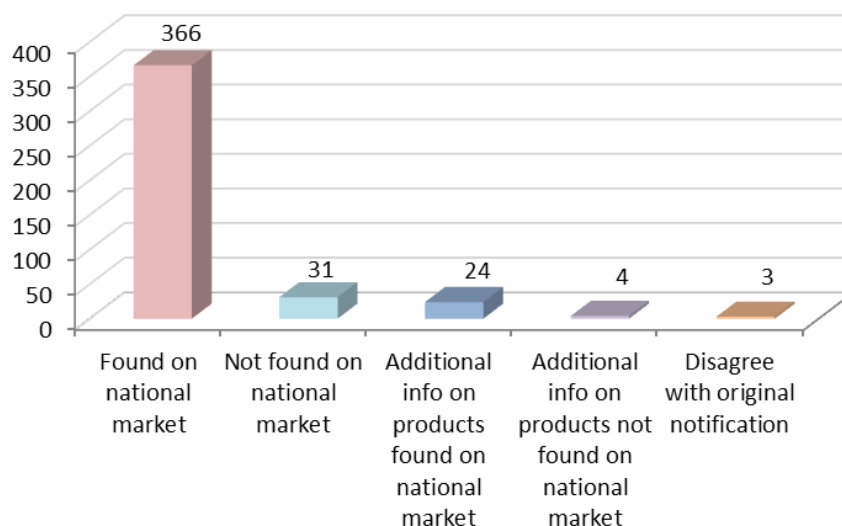


295 reactions concerned notifications of products originating from EU Member States. 82 reactions concerned notifications on products originating from other countries. 2 reactions concerned notifications in which the country of origin could not be identified.



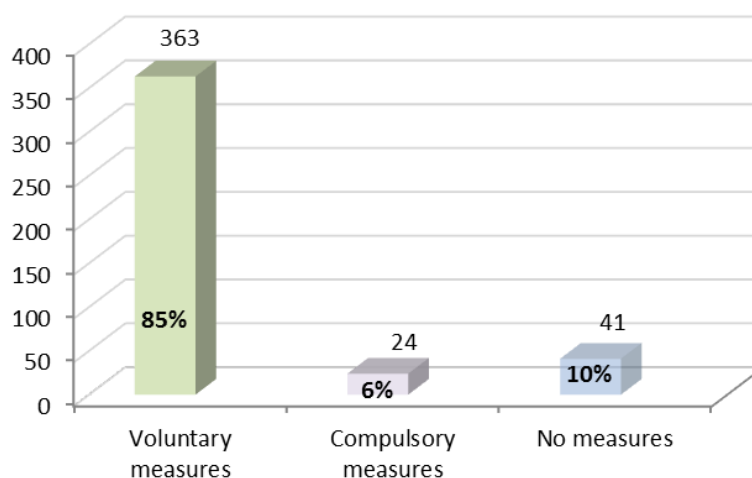
6. Type of reactions

In the majority of reactions received, Member States stated that the notified product was found on their market. There were 28 cases of reactions in which the reacting country provided additional information on the notification and 3 cases where the reacting countries had a different risk assessment from the one provided in the notification.



7. Measures taken in case the product was found on the market of the reacting country

In March most of the reactions reported that measures were taken by the economic operators (voluntary measures).



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

In the month of March were also validated 21 reactions on notifications concerning professional products. The reactions were sent by Croatia, Denmark, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia Sweden and the United Kingdom. They all concerned motor vehicles posing risk of injuries and/or fire.

Also an additional 7 reactions concerned notifications for products posing a risk to the environment.