Making sure your food is safe since 1979
RAPID ALERT SYSTEM FOR FOOD AND FEED

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS

1979 Gentlemen’s agreement to set up an information system – RASFF
1980 Introduction of TELEX to communicate
1981 GR
1986 ES, PT

GEOGRAPHICAL DIMENSION

1992 Introduction of FAX to communicate
1994 IS, LI, NO
1995 AT, FI, SE
2000 Use of internet & email to communicate
2004 CY, CZ, EE, HU, LT, LV, MT, PL, SI, SK
2007 BG, RO
2011 CH
2013 HR

SAFETY CASES

1979 Mercury in oranges in DE and NL
1981 Austria: wine fraud
1985 Radioactive contamination of crops following Chernobyl
1986 Italy: wine fraud
1992 BSE crisis
1995 Belgium: dioxin in chicken
1998 Contaminated pistachio nuts from Iran
1999 Synthetically coloured spices
2002 Anticonception residues in food & feed
2003 Contaminated milk powder from China
2006 Toxic dog food from USA
2008 Methanol poisoning in CZ
2011 E. Coli in sprouts
2011 Horse meat crisis
2012 Contaminated horseshoe crab
2013 Horse meat crisis

Performant internet/PC - based system
New collaborative on-line system
All Member States part of new online system

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