

The EU system for alert warnings – RASFF

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Food safety

SFAs core mission – Safe food

Authorities is working according to the principles of risk analysis:

- **Risk assessment**
- **Risk management**
- **Risk communication**

Risk management

Risk management:

For example:

- **Legislate**
- **Control**
- **Cooperate**

Risk management - control

The FBO's own control

The companies own checks if they have taken the right measures to ensure safe products and in accordance with the food regulations

The official control

Competent authorities verify that the FBO's work and produce in accordance with the food regulations

Risk management- control

Outcome of controls

Safe food?

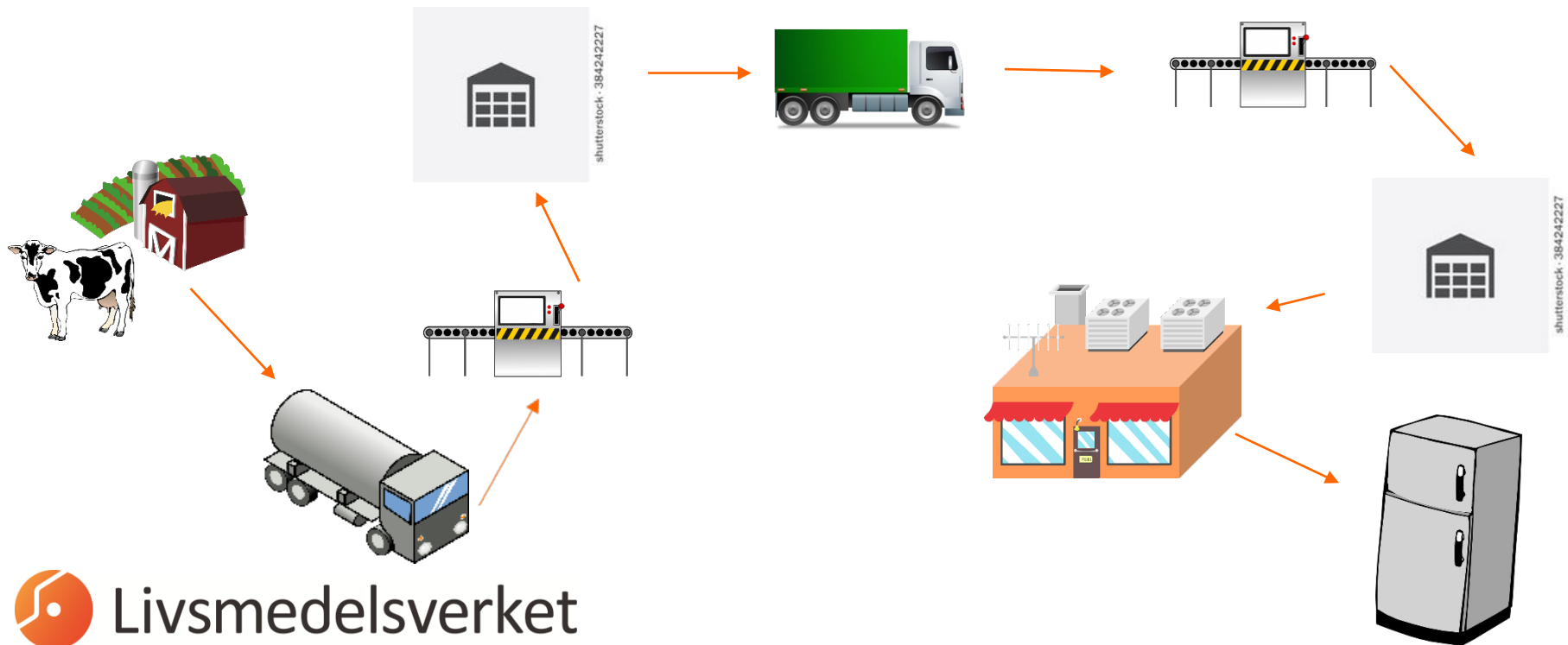
All good, and no action is needed.

Unsafe food?

Actions must be taken by the FBO and the authorities

Risk management- cooperation

Unsafe food! – Withdrawal and/or recall!



Risk management- cooperation

RASFF (Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed)

A system for notifying other relevant competent authorities about unsafe or suspected unsafe food found on the market.

Who is part of the RASFF system?

1. EU member states (MS)
 2. EFSA (European Food Safety Authority)
 3. EU Commission
- Infosan (International Food Safety Authorities Network) Managed by WHO and FAO

http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs_management/infosan_brochure_en.pdf

How does RASFF work?

- How do we inform?
 - iRASFF, a web based application
- Who forward/receives messages?
 - National Single Contact Points (SCP) in every member state or the ECCP (European Commission Contact Point). In Sweden the SCP for food is the National food Agency and the SCP for feed is the Swedish Board of Agriculture
- When do we use iRASFF?
 - 24/7

RASFF statistics - EU

Year 2021

Total amount of RASFF cases was 4700

Those original notifications gave rise to further **36143** follow up notifications in iRASFF

RASFF statistics - Sweden

Year 2021

Total amount of RASFF cases related to Sweden was 412

Those original notifications gave rise to further **4760** follow up notifications in iRASFF from Swedish authorities

RASFF statistics - Sweden

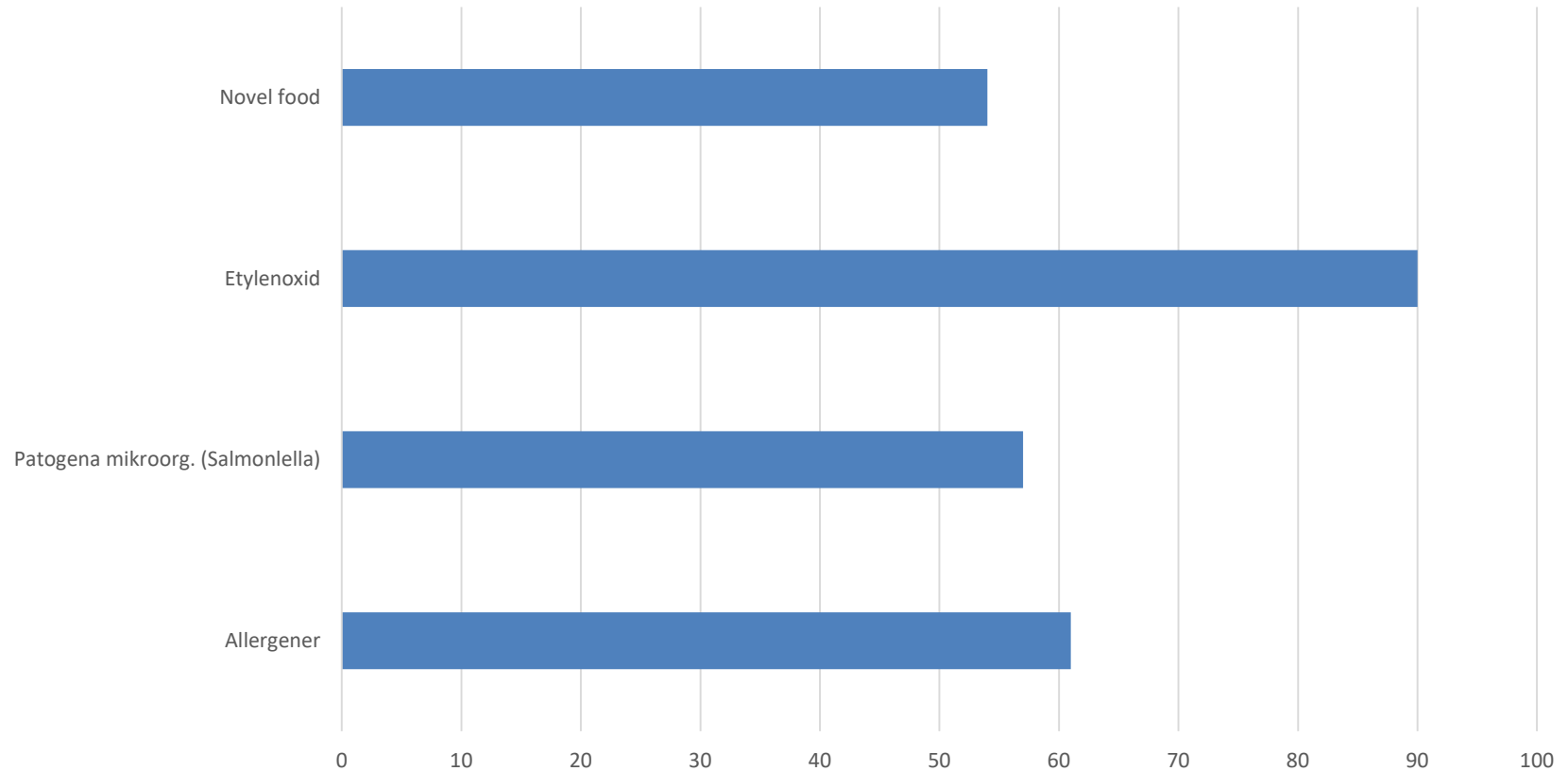
Year 2021

Why verify that the FBOs is taking correct measures?

- In 2020 at least **600** FBOs did not get any information from their supplier about a delivered unsafe food.
- In 2021 at least **700** FBOs did not get any information from their supplier about a delivered unsafe food.

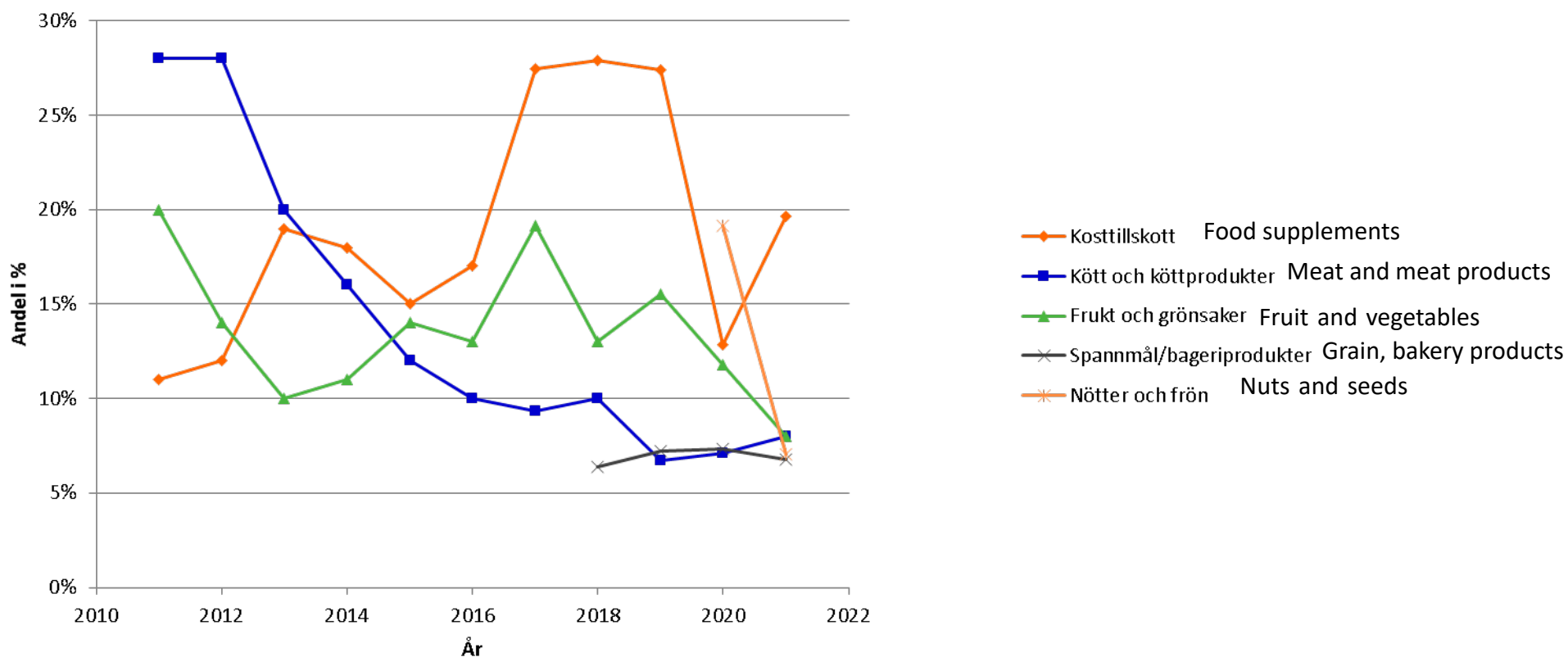
RASFF-notifications and risks

RASFF-notifications due to certain risk – Sweden 2021



Statistics from 2010 in Sweden – food categories

Top 5 food categories in iRASFF 2011-2021



More information about RASFF

www.livsmedelsverket.se – search for "RASFF"

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