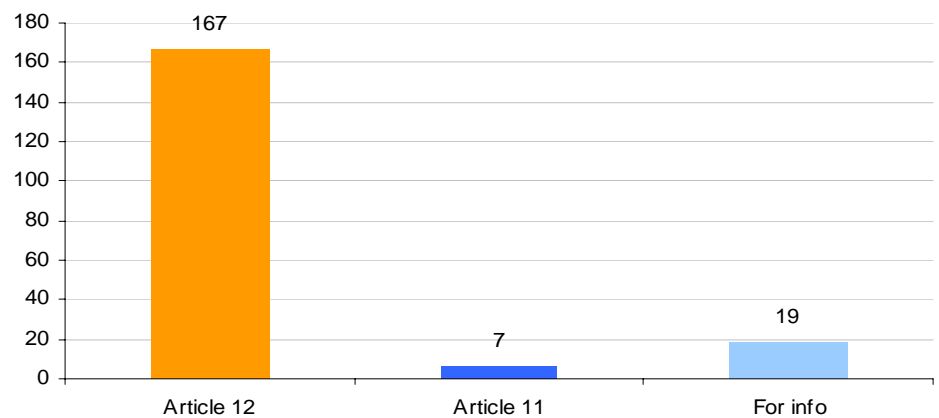




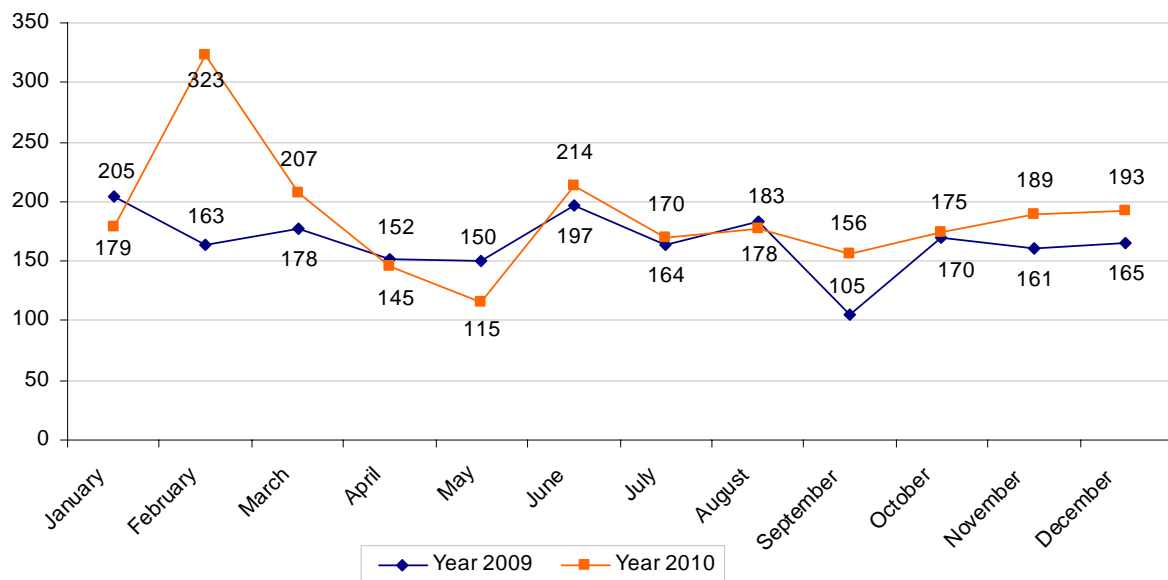
RAPEX statistics (December 2010)

In accordance with the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC (GPSD), in December 2010 the European Commission validated **193 notifications** and transmitted them to the Member States and EEA-countries, namely:

- **Article 12** (serious risk):
167 notifications (86.5%)
- **Article 11** (moderate risk):
7 notifications (3.5%)
- **For information**:
19 notifications (10%)



Compared to previous year, the total number of notifications during the month December is higher in 2010. There were 193 notifications in December 2010 compared to 165 in December 2009, which is corresponding to an increase of 17%.

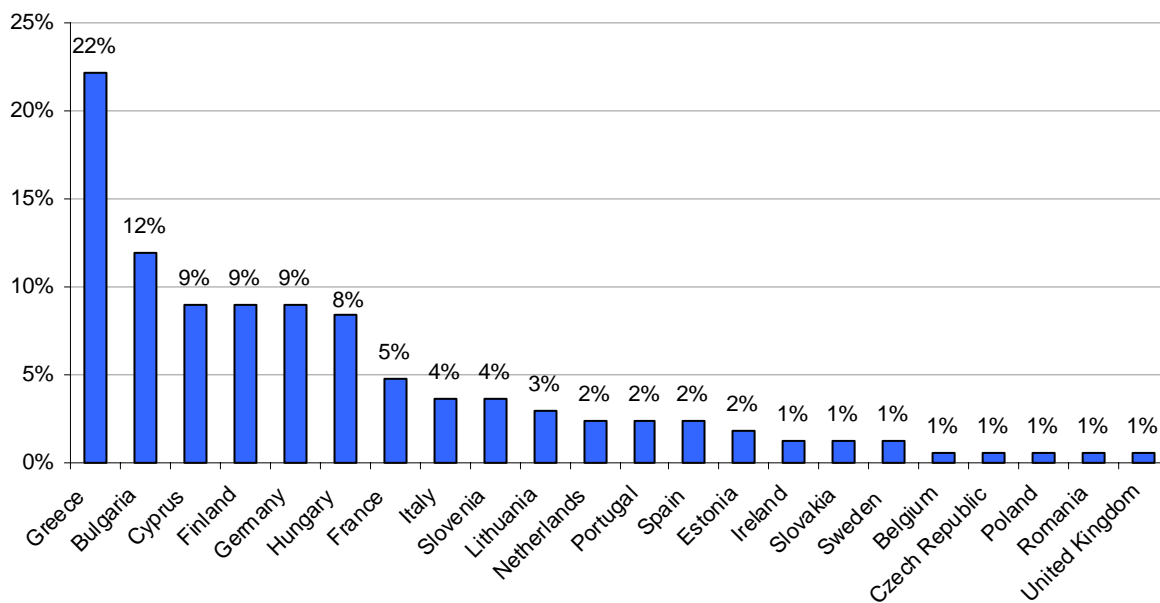
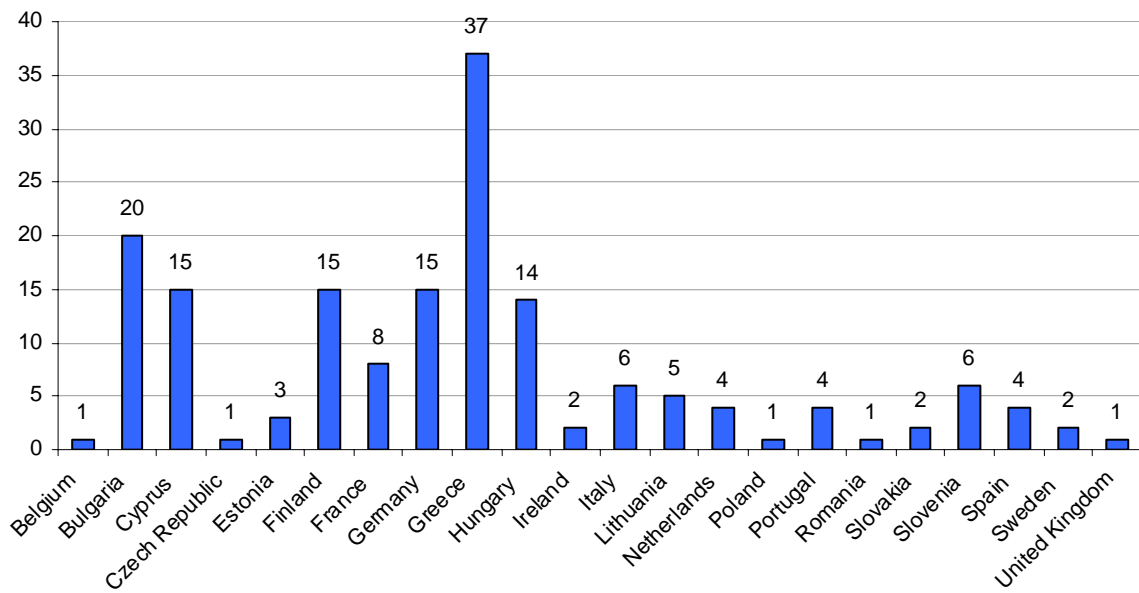


In the following charts, the figures concern only notifications on products posing a serious risk, which were validated by the European Commission under Article 12 of the GPSD.

1. Notifying country

During the month of December, 22 EU Member States sent notifications through the RAPEX system. The following five most frequently notifying countries accounted for 61% of all notifications:

- Greece: 37 notifications (22%),
- Bulgaria: 20 notifications (12%),
- Cyprus: 15 notifications (9%),
- Finland: 15 notifications (9%),
- Germany: 15 notifications (9%).

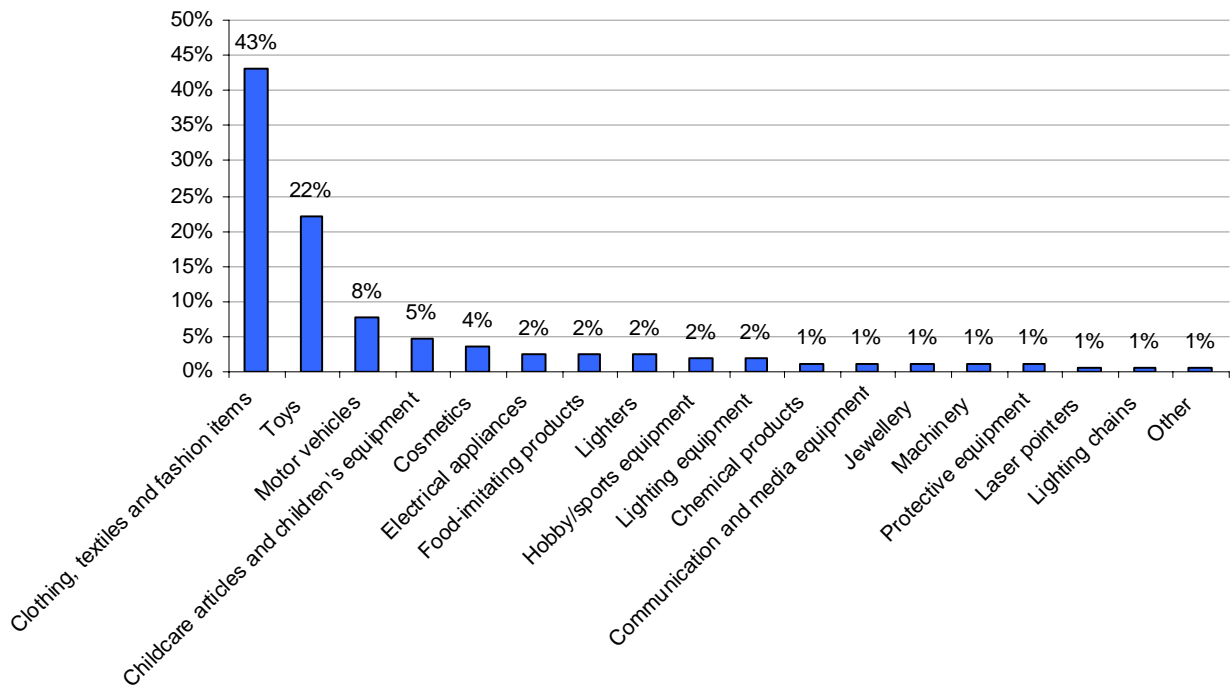
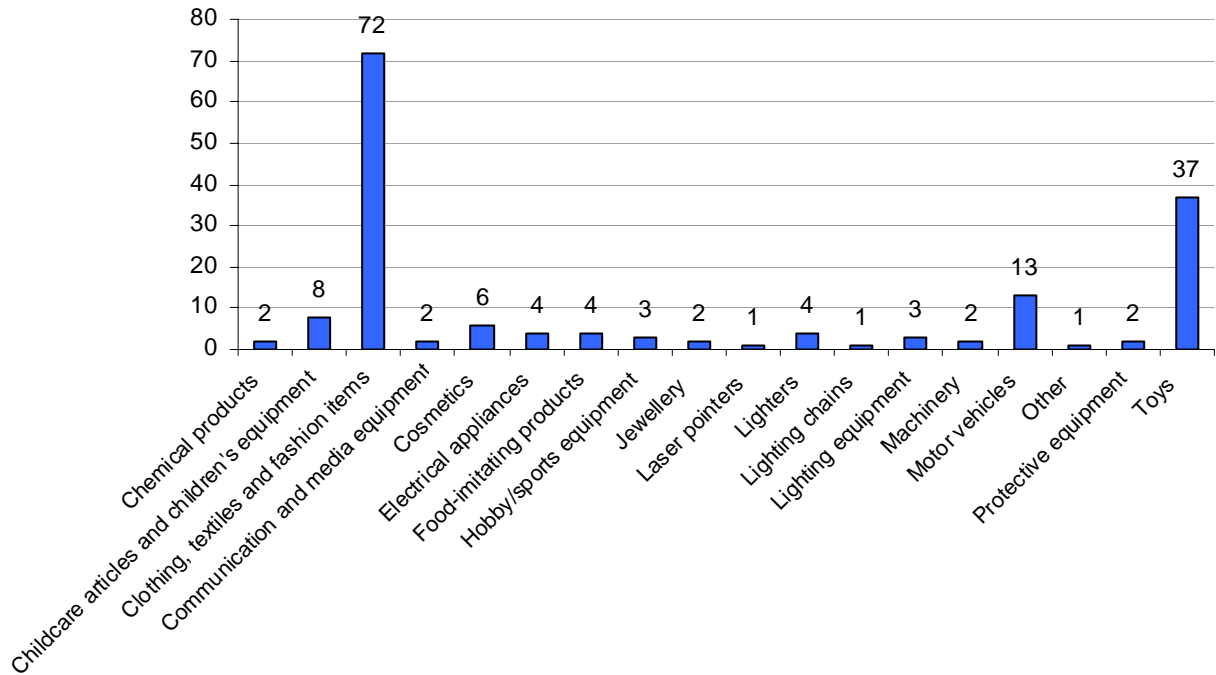


2. Product

2.1. Product category

The notifications validated in December covered 18 categories of products. The following five most frequently notified product categories accounted for 82% of all notifications:

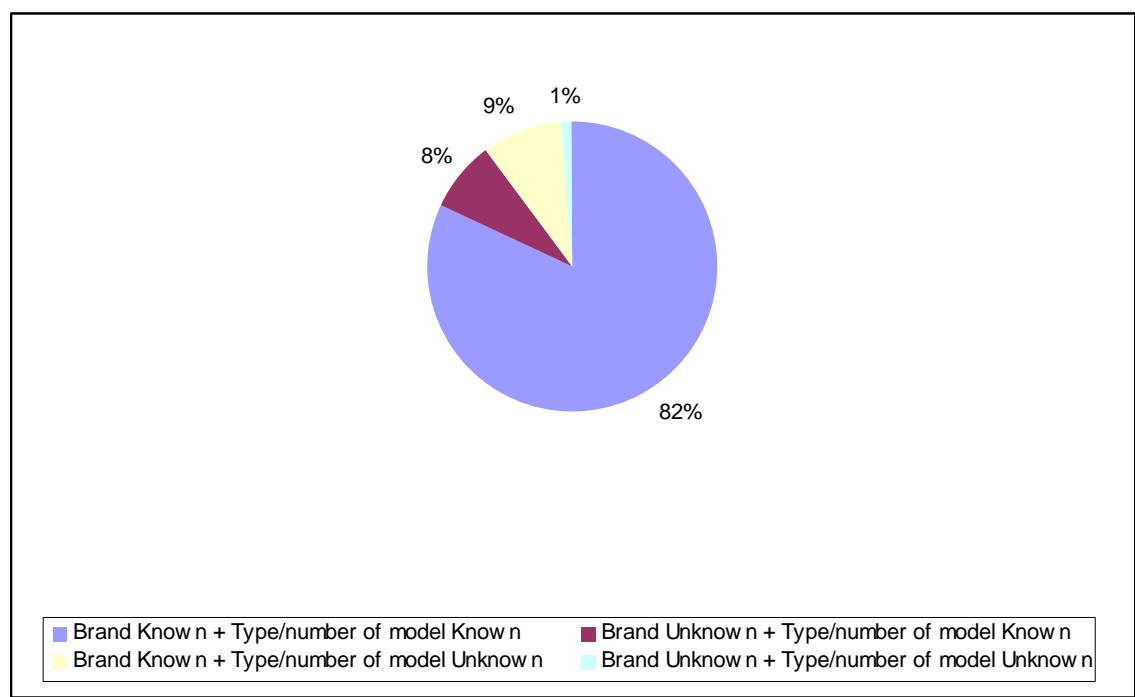
- Clothing, textiles and fashion items: 72 notifications (43%),
- Toys: 37 notifications (22%),
- Motor vehicles: 13 notifications (8%),
- Childcare articles and children's equipment: 8 notifications (5%),
- Cosmetics: 6 notifications (4%).



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

82% of the notifications validated in December concerned products of which the Brand and the Type/number of model were both known. There were only 2 notifications validated concerning products of which both the Brand and the Type/number of model were unknown.

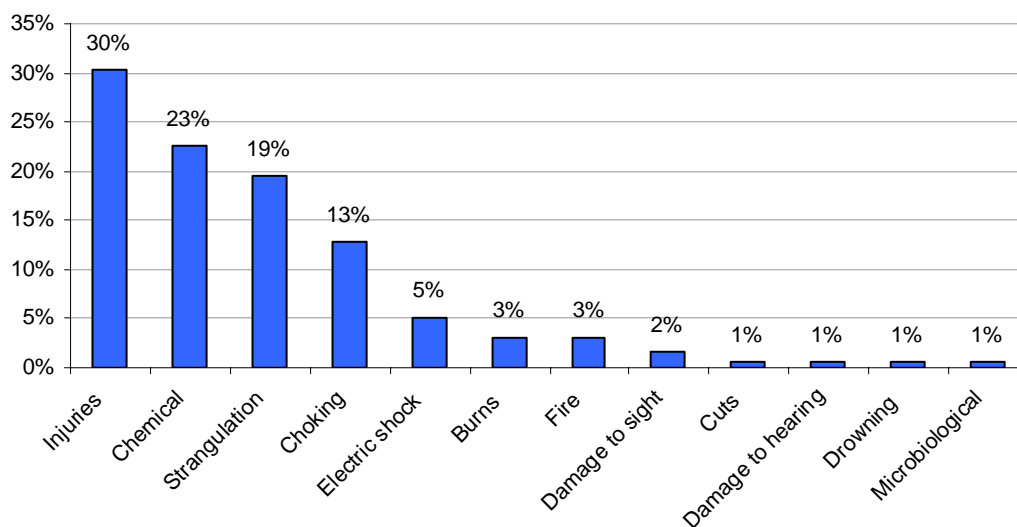
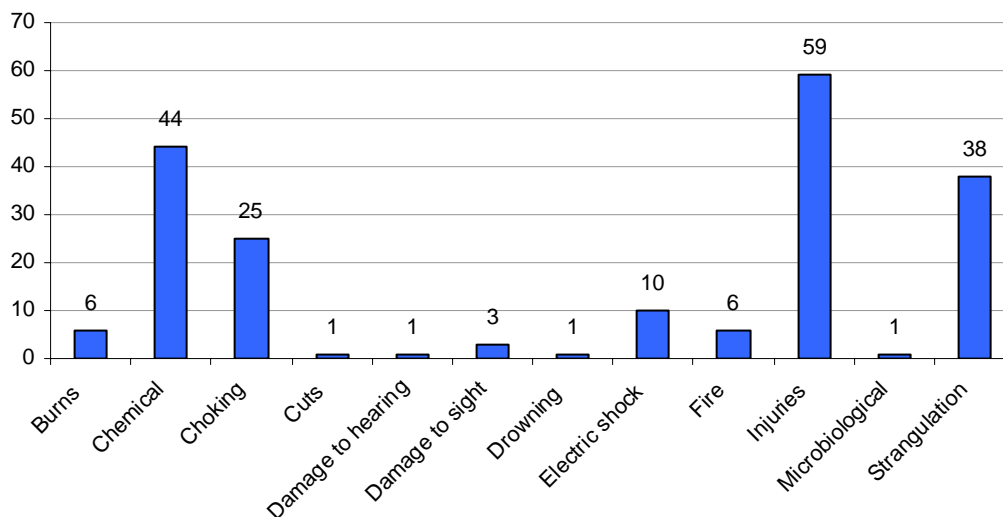
	Type/number of model Known	Type/number of model Unknown	Total
Brand Known	137	15	152
Brand Unknown	13	2	15
	150	17	167



3. Type of risk¹

The notifications validated in December covered 12 different types of risk. The following five most frequently notified risk categories accounted for 90% of all notifications:

- Injuries: 59 notifications (30%),
- Chemical: 44 notifications (23%),
- Strangulation: 38 notifications (19%),
- Choking: 25 notifications (13%),
- Electric shock: 10 notifications (5%).



4. Country of origin of the notified product

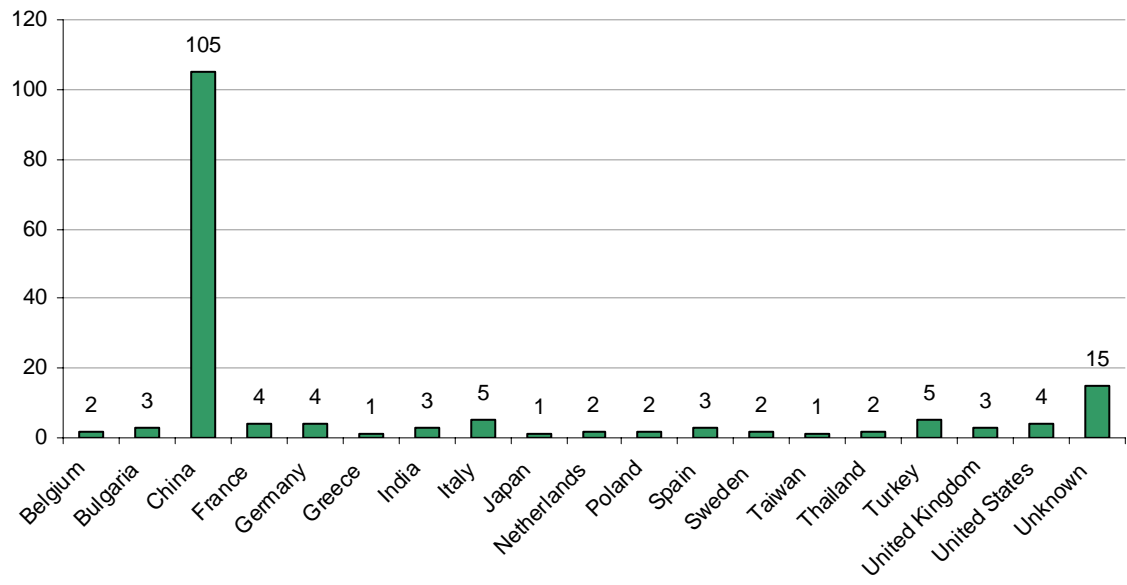
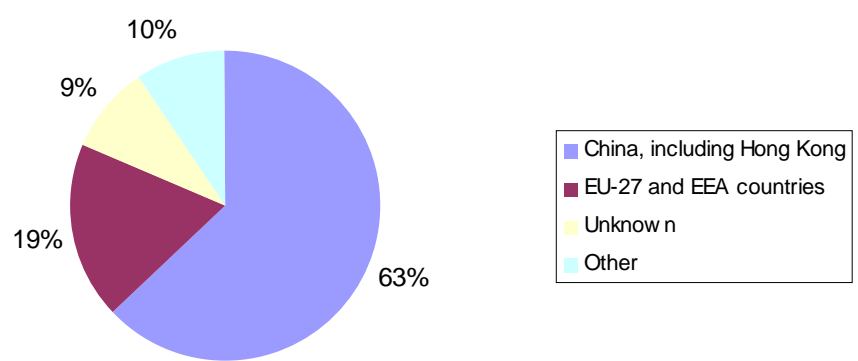
¹ The number here is different from the number of notifications, because one notified product can present more than one specific risk.

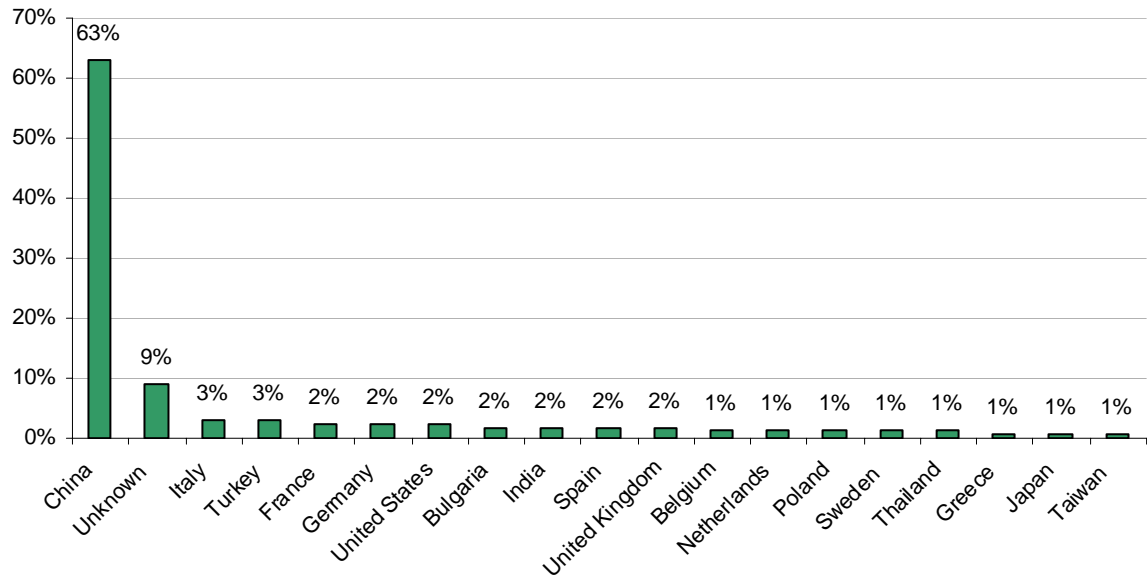
More than half of the dangerous products notified in December originated from China, including Hong Kong (105 notifications, 63%).

31 notifications (19%) submitted in December concerned products originating from the Member States. In total, 11 Member States of the EU or the EEA-countries were reported as the country of origin for the notified products.

16 notifications (10%) concerned products originating in Other countries.

15 notifications (9%) did not contain information about the origin of the product.

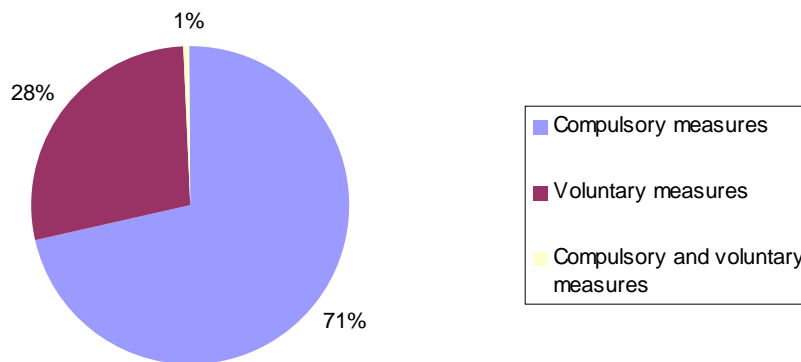




5. Measures adopted

In December, 119 notifications (71%) concerned measures adopted by the market surveillance authorities of Member States ('compulsory measures'). In 47 other notifications (28%), notified measures were initiated by the producers and/or distributors ('voluntary measures'). In 1 case (1%), compulsory measures were complemented by voluntary actions taken by the producers and/or distributors.

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.



Of the compulsory measures, 4 were initiated by the customs authorities, in particular:

- 3 in Finland,
- 1 in France.

– Voluntary versus compulsory measures per country are indicated in the table below.

	Compulsory measures	Voluntary measures	Compulsory and voluntary measures	Total
Belgium		1		1
Bulgaria	18	2		20
Cyprus	15			15
Czech Republic	1			1
Estonia	3			3
Finland	13	1	1	15
France	1	7		8
Germany	2	13		15
Greece	34	3		37
Hungary	14			14
Ireland		2		2
Italy	6			6
Lithuania	5			5
Netherlands	2	2		4
Poland		1		1
Portugal		4		4
Romania	1			1
Slovakia		2		2
Slovenia		6		6
Spain	3	1		4
Sweden	1	1		2
United Kingdom		1		1
	119	47	1	167