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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF STAKEHOLDER ASSOCIATIONS OF THE RAPID ALERT
SYSTEM FOR FOOD AND FEED (RASFF) INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE “ALL YOU NEED
IS RASFF?” ON 13 DECEMBER 2019**

Subject: Questions list for feedback on the RASFF

As promised in the special working group on the RASFF of 3 October 2019 in Brussels, please find hereby a list of questions to facilitate your feedback on the RASFF, which will be useful as input to the conference “All you need is RASFF?” on 13 December (more info below) and for the further development of the system.

1. Do you consider that there is a need for stronger involvement of stakeholder (professional business / consumers) associations in the RASFF?
2. If yes, do you consider that this involvement should happen on:
 - a. European level
 - b. National level
 - c. Local/regional level
3. How do you envisage that such involvement could take place?
4. Do you consider that there is a need for direct involvement in the RASFF of a business operator/consumer concerned by a RASFF notification?
5. What are according to you the situations in which direct involvement of a concerned business operator/consumer should be possible?

6. How should such direct involvement be enabled?
 - a. Through a separate information system that feeds into the national investigation concerning a RASFF notification
 - b. Directly in the RASFF information system
 - c. Any other way/ please specify:
7. Would it equally be important for business operators/consumers to be involved in the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation system (AAC)? Would the same considerations apply as for the RASFF?
8. How could your business operators/consumers association or business operators/consumers belonging to your association contribute to the further development and improvement of RASFF/AAC?
9. Should business operator names mentioned in a RASFF notification be made public?
 - a. Always
 - b. Sometimes: when?
 - c. Never
10. Should brand names mentioned in a RASFF notification be made public?
 - a. Always
 - b. Sometimes: when?
 - c. Never

You are kindly invited to take part in the Conference “All you need is RASFF?” organised on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the network. It will be held as a side event to the new Official Controls Regulation's (OCR) Conference on “Smarter rules for safer food and plant health”, on 13 December 2019, from 9:00 to 17:00 (Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi 170, 1000 Brussels). Please register via this link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/smarter-rules-safer-food-and-plant-health-2019-dec-13_en

Yours sincerely,

- e-signed -
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Via email to:

- Members of the Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health
- Foodwatch
- Greenpeace
- World Wide Fund for Nature Europe (WWF EU)