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## Rice Food Safety & Other Facts



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### FOOD SAFETY

#### Rapid Alert System Notifications for Food

date	Notification type	notified by	subject
11/01/2011	information	France	unauthorised genetically modified (KeFeng6) rice vermicelli from China
02/02/2011	alert	Germany	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice vermicelli from China, via the United States and via the Netherlands
08/02/2011	alert	Luxembourg	unauthorised substance isoprothiolane (0.045 mg/kg - ppm) in basmati rice from Belgium
08/02/2011	information	Luxembourg	unauthorised substance isoprothiolane (0.032 mg/kg - ppm) in basmati rice from Belgium
16/02/2011	information	Netherlands	metal wires in rice vermicelli from China
18/02/2011	alert	Germany	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63; KeFeng6/KMD1) rice crackers from China
23/02/2011	border rejection	Unit. Kingdom	aflatoxins (B1 = 2.9; Tot. = 3.3 µg/kg - ppb) in basmati rice from Pakistan
24/02/2011	border rejection	Romania	absence of labelling on rice from Syria
02/03/2011	border rejection	Germany	unauthorised genetically modified (Bt63) rice noodles from China, via the Netherlands
18/03/2011	alert	Finland	unauthorised novel food red rice ( <i>Monascus purpureus</i> ) from Thailand and the Netherlands
23/03/2011	information	Belgium	traces of soya in rice noodles from China
24/03/2011	information	Portugal	parasitic infestation ( <i>Tribolium castaneum</i> : 17; 16 <i>Oryzaephilus surinamensis</i> : 360; 360 /g) of basmati rice from Pakistan

Source: [http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/rapidalert/rasff\\_portal\\_database\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/rapidalert/rasff_portal_database_en.htm)

### SCIENCE & RESEARCH

Plant pathologists of Nebraska discovered a genetic switch that regulates rice plant infection by blast agent *Magnaporthe oryzae*, signaling to the fungus that it is in a nutrition rich environment. This signal will trigger infection and establishment of the disease. The scientists have now renewed their efforts to control the switch and the related processes so that a targeted control of the disease can be developed

Source: *Crop Biotech Update*

### OTHER NEWS

In the website [www.enterisi.it](http://www.enterisi.it) (download area) it is published the 2010 report on the notifications transmitted through the network RASFF, concerning rice and rice products. Herewith attached there are graphs summarizing the same data.

Source: *Ente Nazionale Risi*



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### EVENTS & MEETINGS

Cibus, the International Exhibition of Food, doubles: along with the traditional festival dedicated to the sector operators, **Cibus Tour** will be organized, an event open to consumers and dedicated to the promotion of Italian food and gastronomic heritage. The first edition of Cibus Tour will take place 15 to 17 April 2011 in Parma: it will be an ideal journey through taste, knowledge and health of food made in Italy.

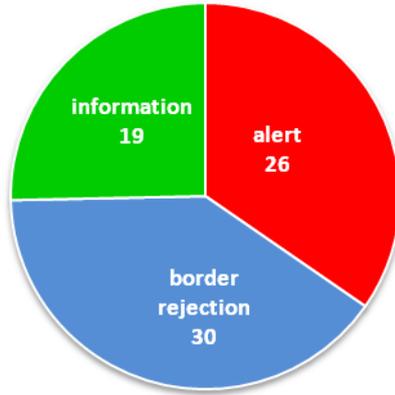
Source: [www.cibustour.it](http://www.cibustour.it)

**BtoBIO EXPO** – Milano, 8-11 maggio 2011. BtoBIO EXPO is the biennial, international, professional show of certified organic products, dedicated to operators in the organic and traditional agro-food sector. BtoBIO EXPO is a highly international show: one of the main goals of its organizers is to open new international business channels for top certified organic products.

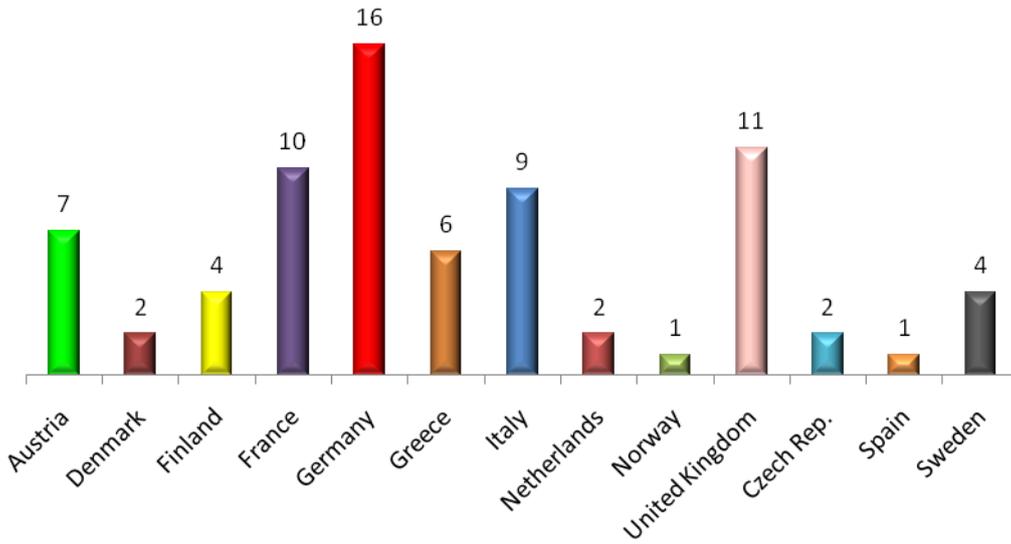
Source: <http://btobio.it>

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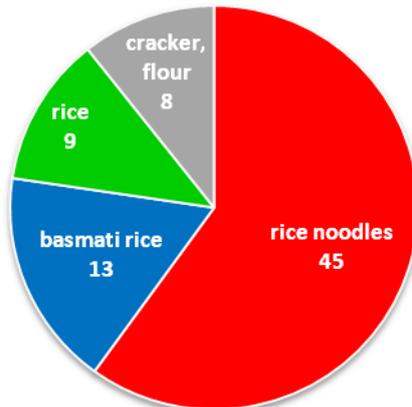
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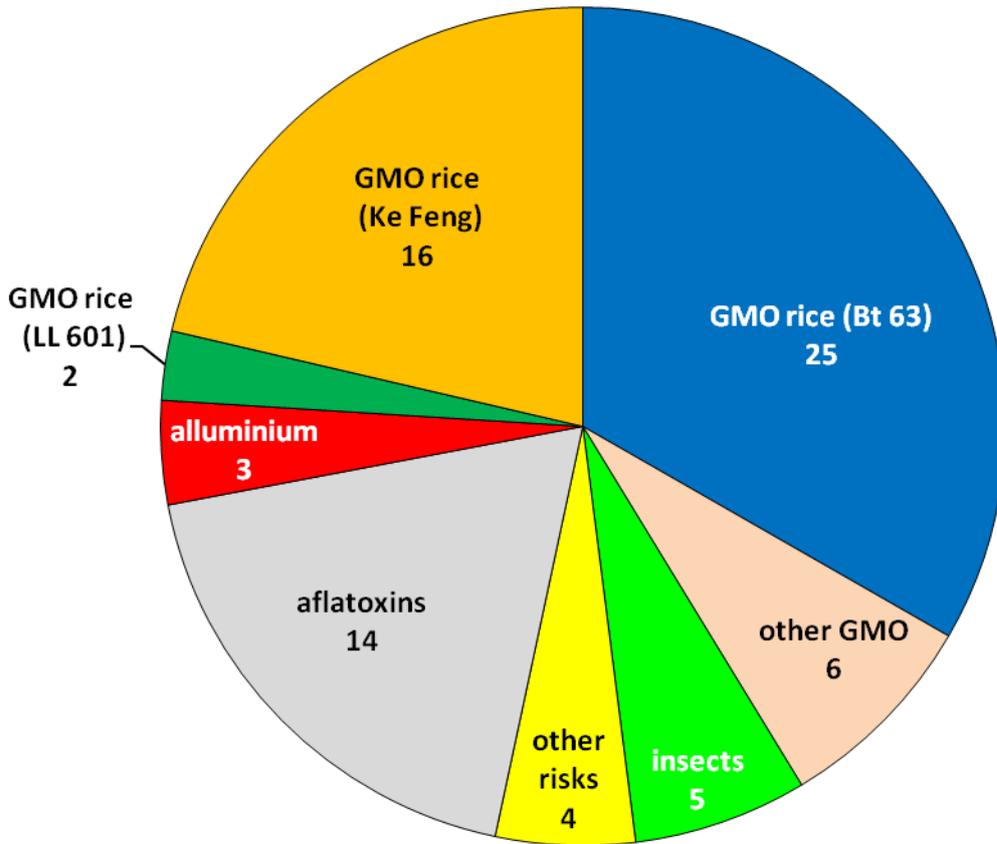
### Notifying Country



### Product



### Kind of risk



### Number of Notifications by Product Origin

