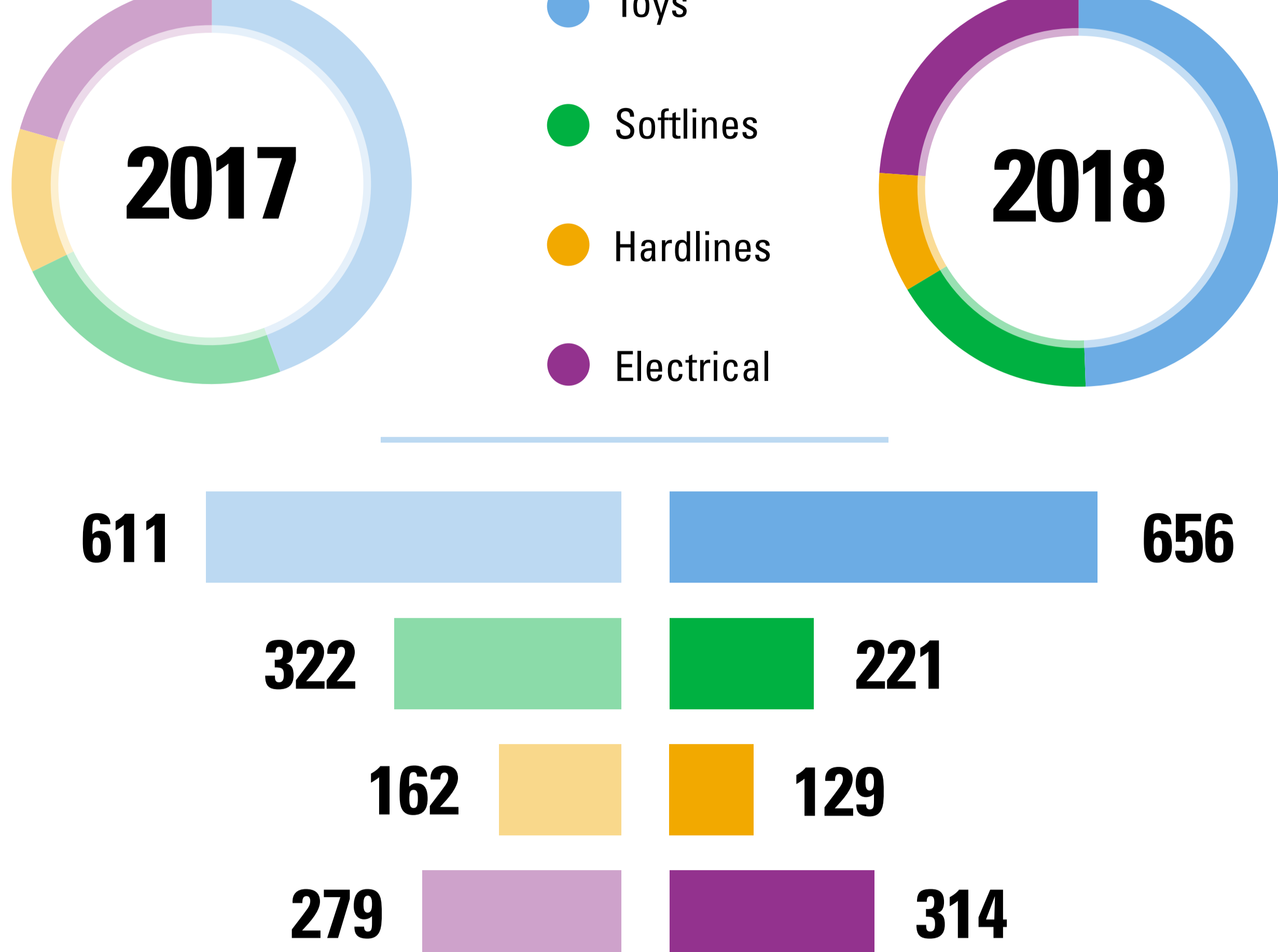


2018 RAPEX PRODUCT RECALL STATISTICS SUMMARY

The European Rapid Information System (RAPEX) is a platform for exchange of information between 31 participating countries (the 28 Member States in the European Union plus Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and the European Commission on measures and action taken in relation to products posing a serious risk to the human health and environment safety.

The system covers dangerous non-food products intended for consumers as well as professionals.

Product Recall Comparisons of :



Top 3 Manufacturing Countries - Products Recalled

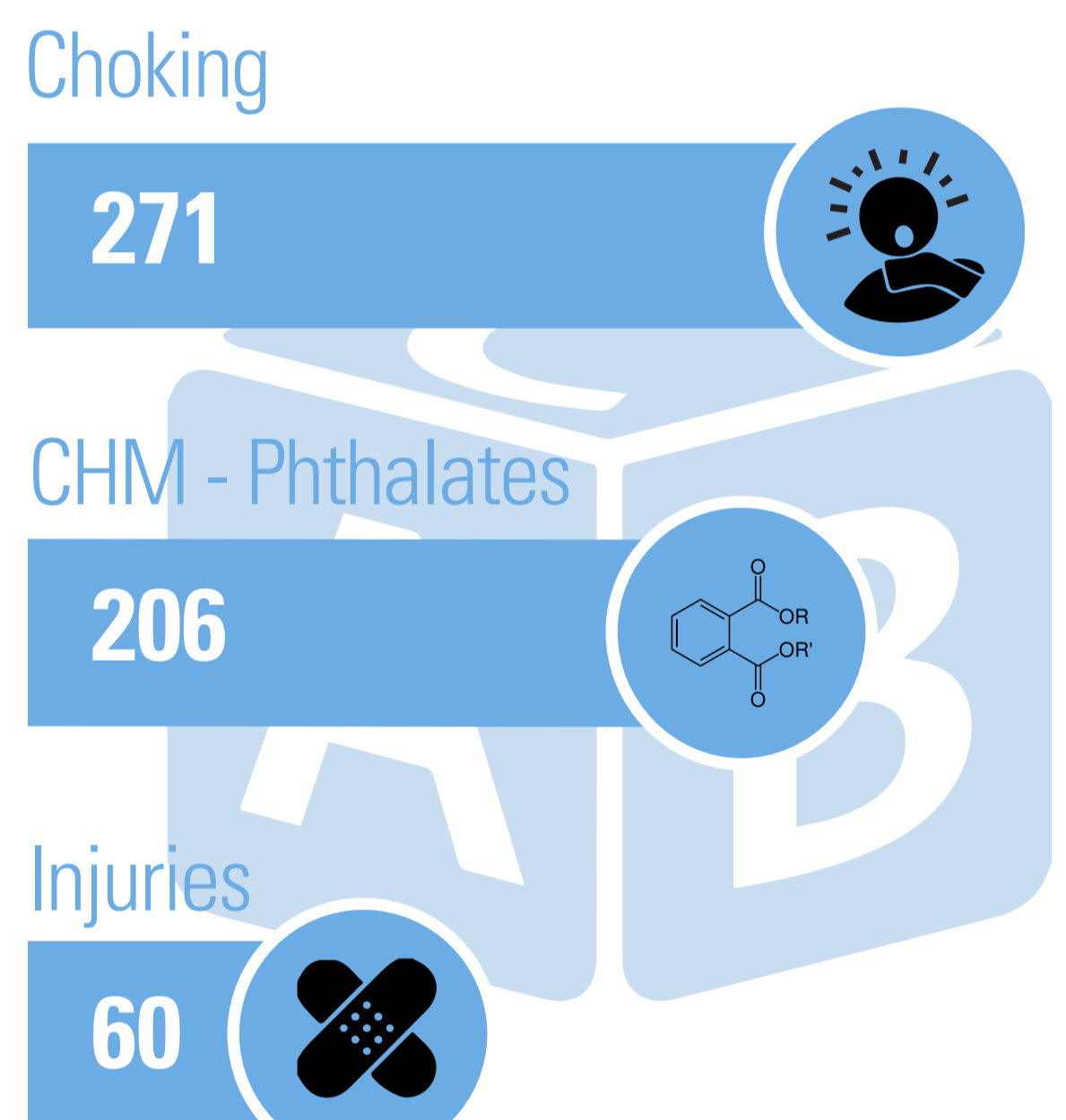


Top Three Risks for Toys

There are 45 more notifications in 2018 as compared to 2017. The number of total notifications on Toys has increased by around 7% in 2018 over 2017.

Choking, phthalates and injuries remain as top 3 risks in both years.

Phthalates are generally used as a plasticizer to impart flexibility in plastics, thus most of the recalled toys in phthalate notifications are plastic dolls.



Top Three Risks for Softlines

The total number of notifications for Softlines decreased by 31% in 2018 as compared to 2017.

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