



# RAPEX Recall Report for Hardlines for 2018

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## General information on RAPEX

RAPEX (Community Rapid Information System) system is used to exchange information on dangerous non-food consumer products between the Member States of the European Union and the European Commission on measures and action taken in relation to products posing a serious risk to the health and safety of consumers.

It was established according to General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC (GPSD) of the European Commission. The main objective of the RAPEX system is to ensure that only safe products are placed on the market. It also facilitates the monitoring of the effectiveness and consistency of market surveillance and enforcement activities in the Member States.

The European Commission publishes on the internet weekly overviews of products posing a serious risk and the measures taken to eliminate the risks.

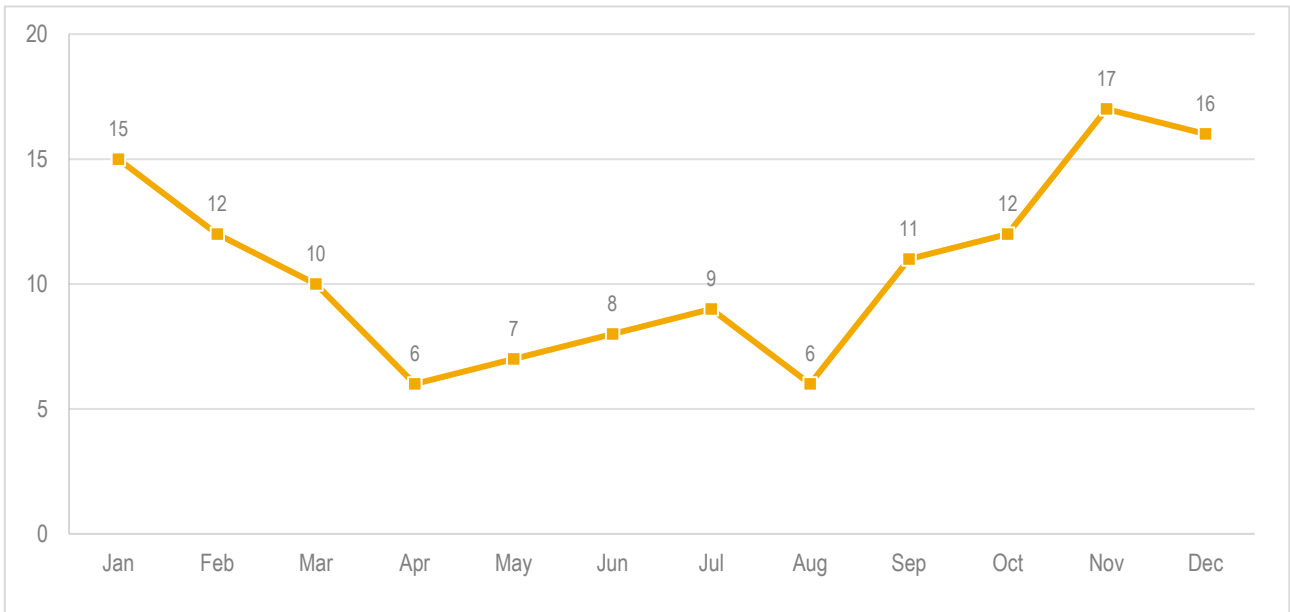


**Recall Cases by Product Categories**

Month	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Construction products	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Decorative articles	1	2	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1
Furniture	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	6	2
Gadgets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Hand tools	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hobby / sports equipment	5	3	1	2	1	2	5	1	1	0	5	2
Kitchen / cooking accessories	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0
Laser pointers	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lighters	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	5
Protective equipment	2	4	1	1	3	1	0	0	4	0	0	3
Stationery	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	2	7	1	3

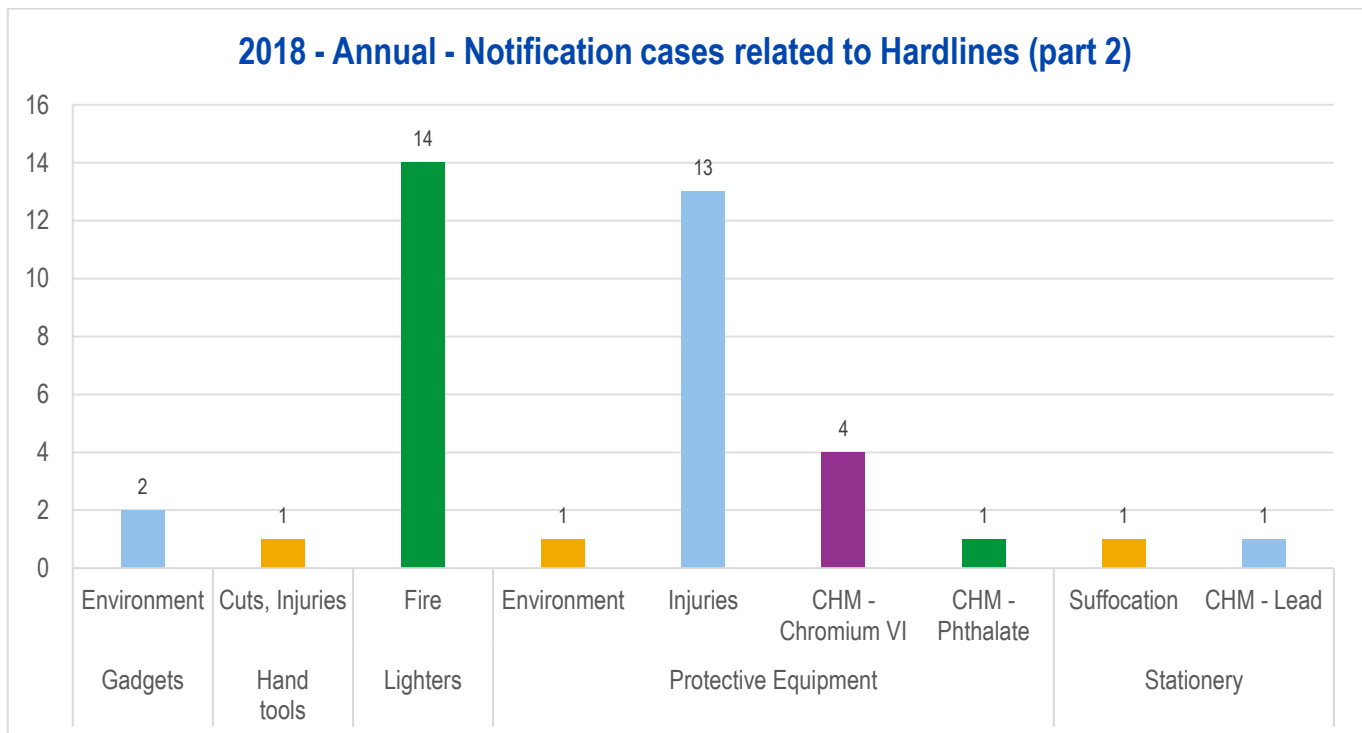
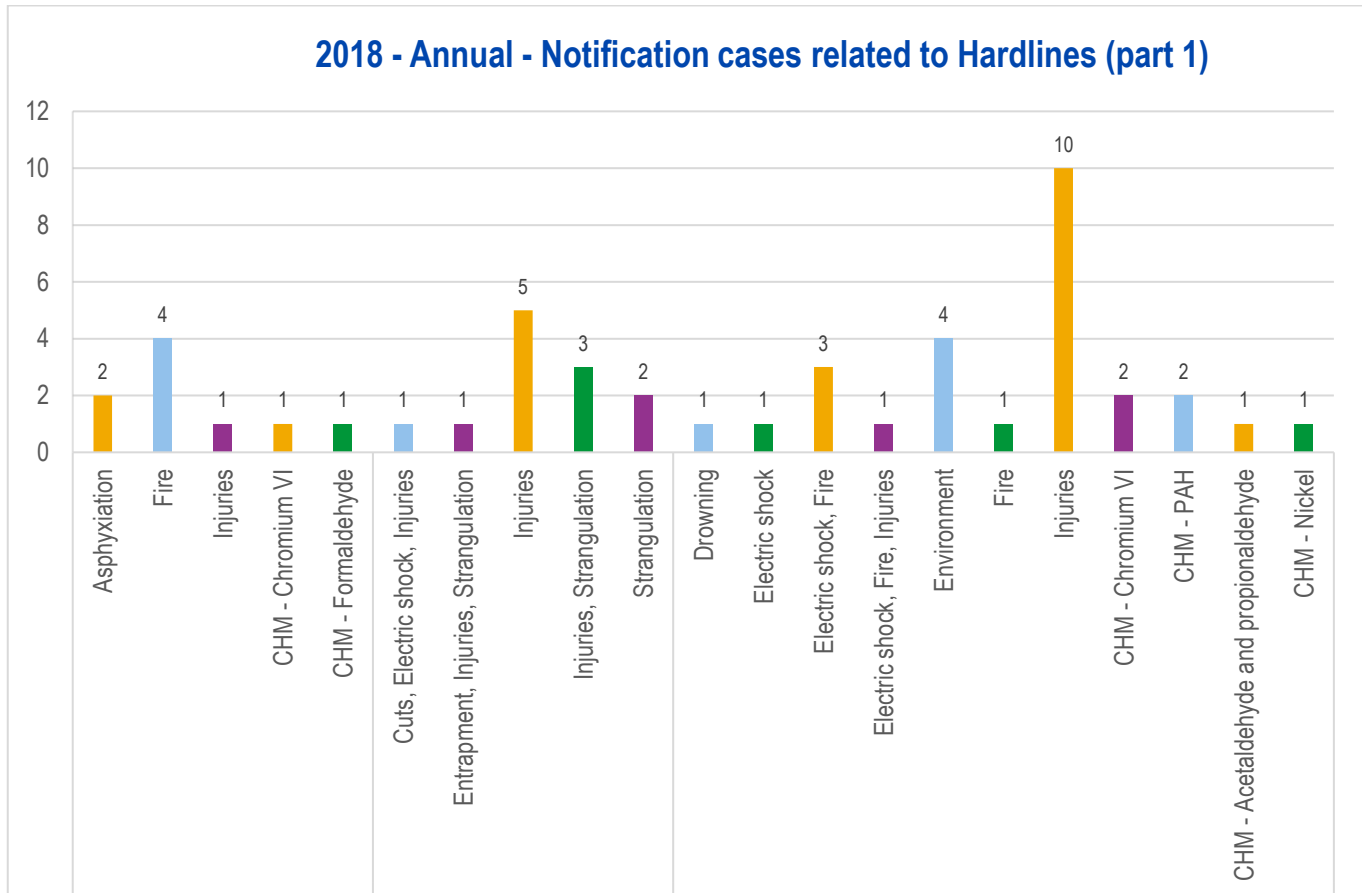


**RAPEX notification data comparison for Hardlines in 2018 (Monthly break-up)**



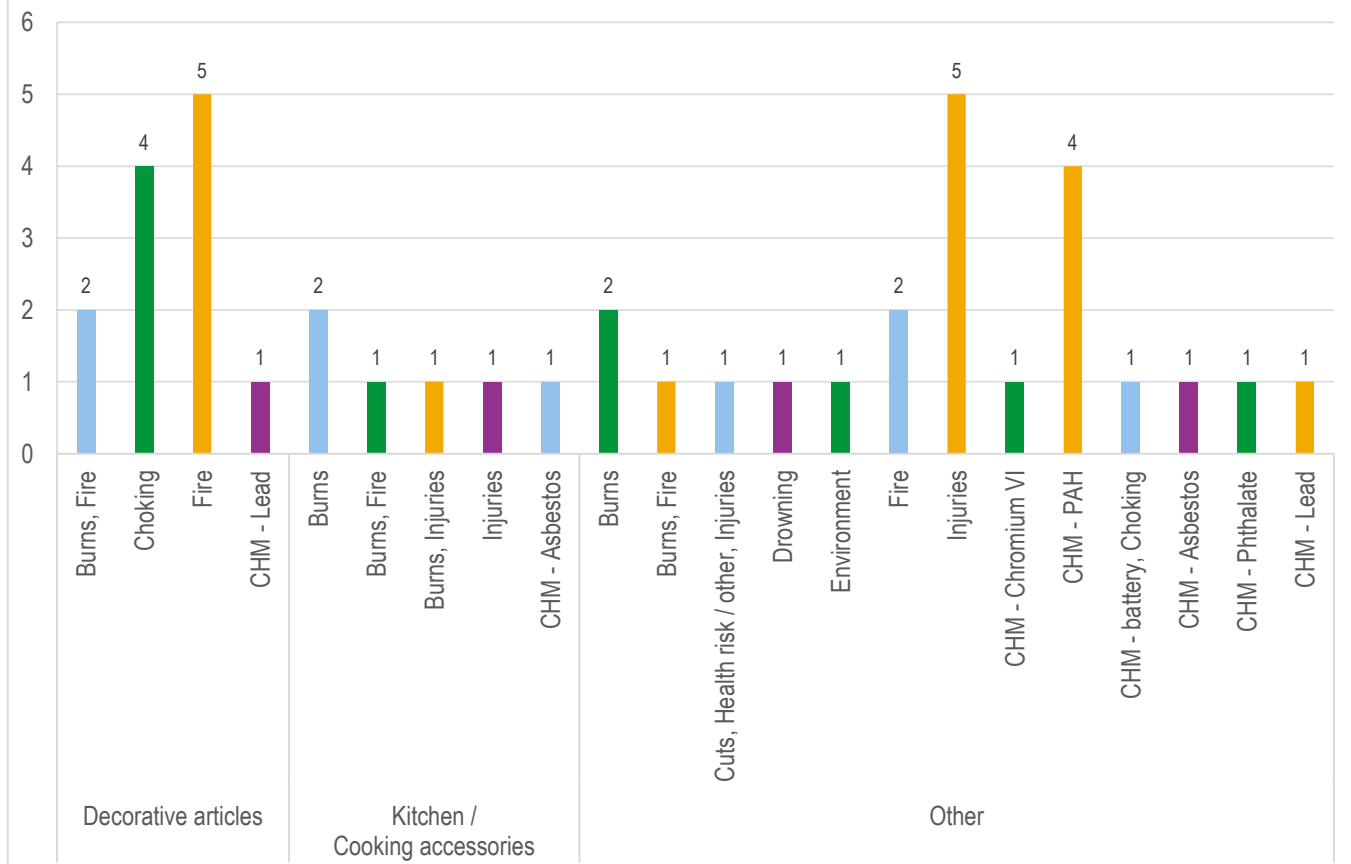


Types of Risks









### 2018 - Annual - Notification cases related to Hardlines (part 3)




**Recall Case Study Q1 – Hardlines**

RAPEX Ref. No.	Product Description	Short Summary
<p>A12/0353/18 A12/0348/18 A12/0346/18 A12/0324/18</p>	<p>Single product type with the highest number of notifications is the Thermal insulation.</p> <p>All the four Thermal insulation products were notified by Bulgaria.</p> <p><b>Product category:</b> Construction products</p> <p><u>A12/0353/18</u>      <u>A12/0348/18</u></p>  <p>Thermal insulation</p>  <p>Thermal insulation</p> <p><u>A12/0346/18</u>      <u>A12/0324/18</u></p>  <p>Thermal insulation</p>  <p>Thermal insulation</p>	<p>There were in total 11 notifications regarding <b>Fire</b> risk within the categories of Construction products, Decorative articles, and Lighters.</p> <p>Out of these cases, four Thermal insulation products were notified by Bulgaria,</p> <p>All these four Thermal insulation products were found with <b>Fire</b> risk violating the Construction Products Regulation and EN 13163.</p> <p><b>Notifying countries:</b> Bulgaria</p> <p><b>Country of Origin:</b> Romania</p> <p><b>Risk: Fire</b></p> <p>The actual reaction to fire class is lower than the declared reaction to fire class. In case of fire, this could lead to a lower level of safety than expected.</p> <p>The product does not comply with the requirements of the Construction Products Regulation and the relevant European standard EN 13163.</p> <p><b>Measure taken:</b> Withdrawal of the product from the market.</p>


**Recall Case Study Q2 – Hardlines**

RAPEX Ref. No.	Product Description	Short Summary
<p>A12/0699/18 A12/0666/18 A12/0649/18</p>	<p>Protective eyewear intended, in particular, for use during airsoft games</p> <p><b>Product category: Protective equipment</b></p>	<p>There were in total 9 notifications regarding <b>Injury</b> risk within the categories of Construction products (1), Hobby/sports equipment (3) and Protective equipment (5).</p> <p>Out of these cases, 3 protective equipment products were notified by France.</p>




		<p>All these 3 protective equipment were found with Injury risk violating the Personal Protective Equipment Directive and the relevant European standard EN 892.</p> <p><b>Notifying countries:</b></p> <p>France</p> <p><b>Country of Origin:</b></p> <p>China</p> <p><b>Risk: Injury</b></p> <p>The frame is not resistant enough and can break under impact.</p> <p>The product does not comply with the requirements of the Personal Protective Equipment Directive.</p> <p><b>Measure taken:</b></p> <p>Recall of the product from end users (By: Distributor)"</p>
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**Recall Case Study Q3 – Hardlines**

RAPEX Ref. No.	Product Description	Short Summary
<p>A12/1318/18</p>	<p>Pressure cooker</p> <p><b>Product category:</b> Kitchen/cooking accessories</p> 	<p>It is possible to open the pressure cooker while it is still under steam pressure.</p> <p><b>Notifying countries:</b></p> <p>France</p> <p><b>Country of Origin:</b></p> <p>China</p> <p><b>Risk: Burns</b></p> <p>This can cause burns to users. The product does not comply with the requirements of the pressure equipment directive and the relevant European standard EN 12778.</p> <p><b>Measure taken:</b></p>





		Measures ordered by public authorities (to: Manufacturer): Recall of the product from end users
A12/1266/18	<p>Mobile phone case</p> <p><b>Product category:</b> Others</p> 	<p>The amount of chromium (VI) in the leather parts of the skirt is too high (measured value up to 15 mg/kg).</p> <p><b>Notifying countries:</b> Germany</p> <p><b>Country of Origin:</b> Unknown</p> <p><b>Risk: Chemical</b> Chromium (VI) is sensitising and may trigger allergic reactions. The product does not comply with the REACH Regulation.</p> <p><b>Measure taken:</b> Measures taken by economic operators: Ban on the marketing of the product and any accompanying measures (By: Retailer)</p>

### Recall Case Study Q4 – Hardlines

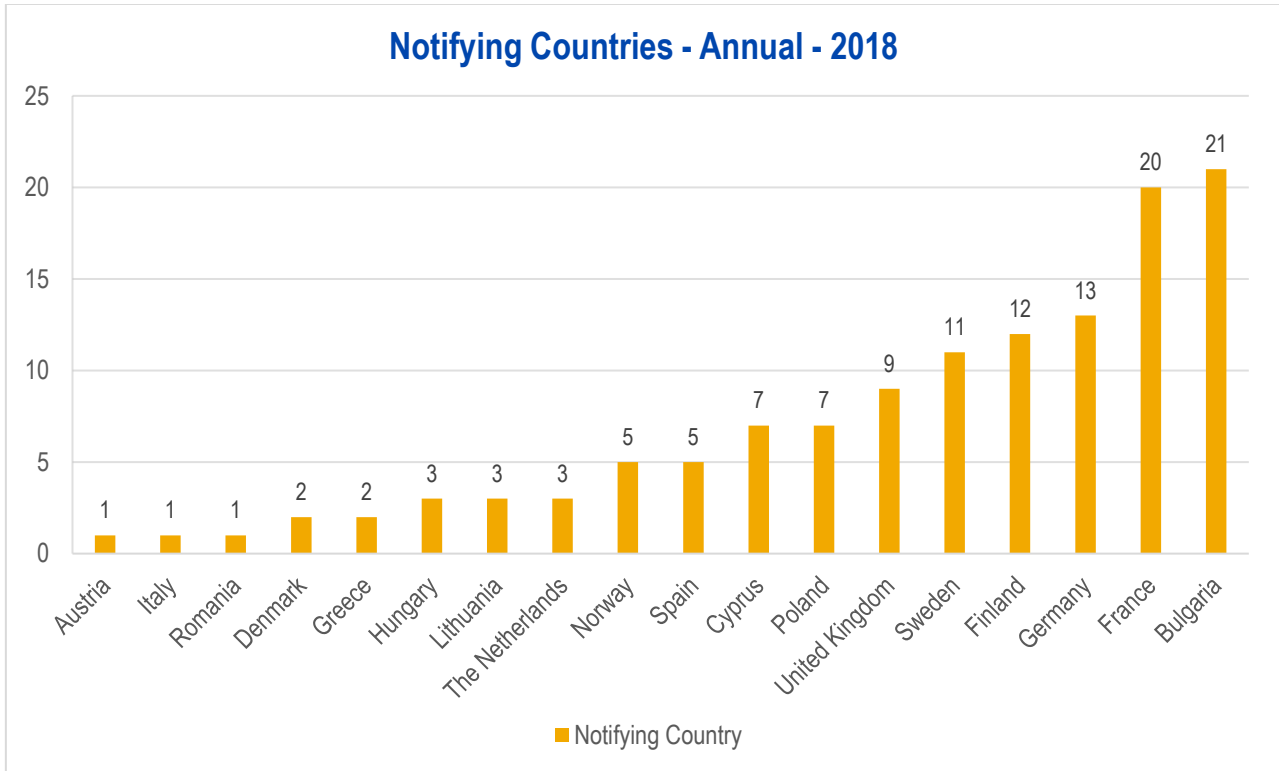
RAPEX Ref. No.	Product Description	Short Summary
A12/1587/18	<p>Telescopic ladder</p> <p><b>Product category:</b> other</p>	<p>The steps are insufficiently fixed and may release or break. Also the locking mechanism may release.</p> <p><b>Notifying countries:</b> France</p> <p><b>Country of origin:</b> China</p> <p><b>Risk: Injury</b> The user may fall from the ladder. The product does not comply with the relevant European standard EN 131.</p>



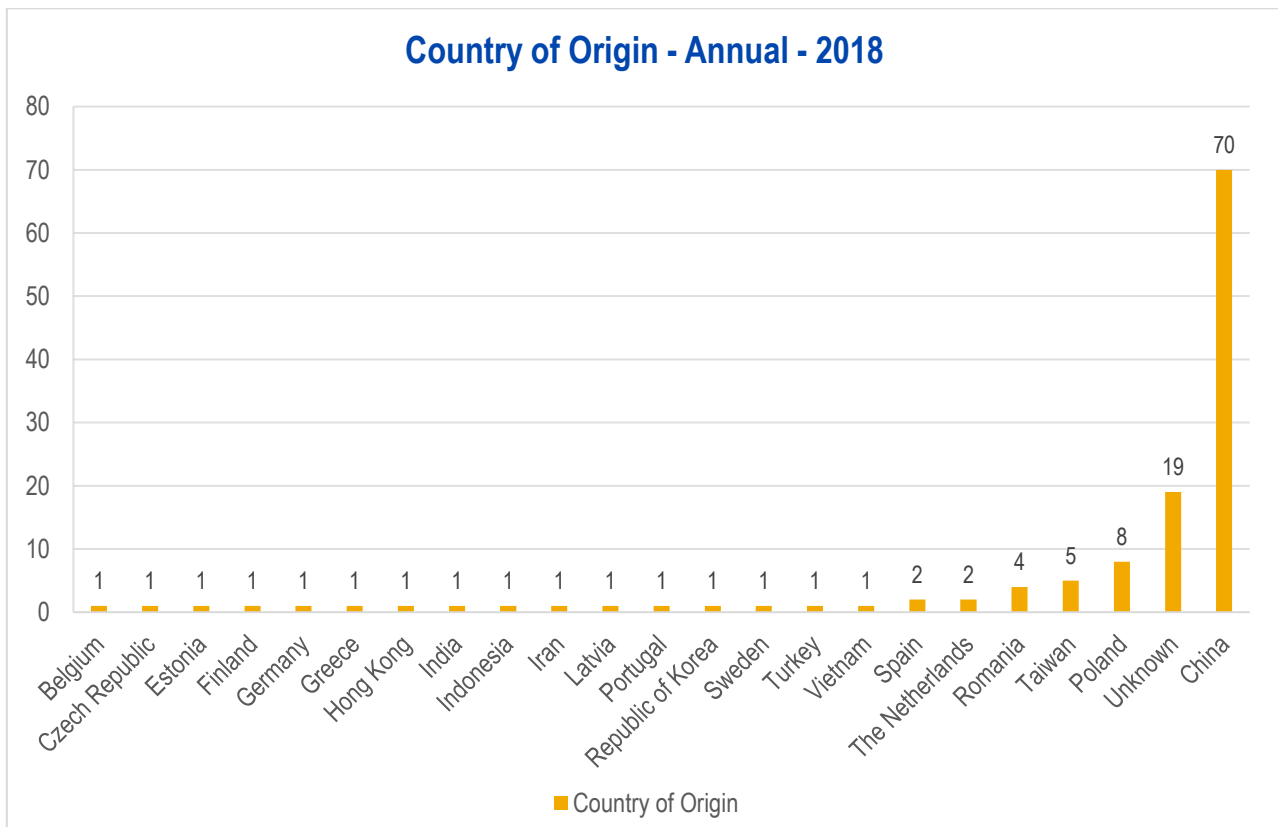
		<p><b>Measure taken:</b></p> <p>Measures taken by economic operators: Recall of the product from end users (By: Importer)</p>
<p><b>A12/1486/18</b></p>	<p>Tea light candle</p> <p><b>Product category:</b> Decorative articles</p> 	<p>The candle's container is destroyed as the candle burns which could lead to a risk of fire.</p> <p><b>Notifying countries:</b> Bulgaria</p> <p><b>Country of origin:</b> China</p> <p><b>Risk: Injury</b></p> <p>The product does not comply with the relevant European standard EN 15493.</p> <p><b>Measure taken:</b></p> <p>Measures ordered by public authorities (to: Distributor): Withdrawal of the product from the market</p>



### Notifying Country



### Country of Origin





## Reference Links

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