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Safety of the Food Chain
Chemicals, contaminants, pesticides

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19 countries provided feed back: 17 Member States (CY, BG, DE, UK, CZ, FIN, IT, NL, RO, EE, IRL, FR, BE, AT, SL, GR and ES) and Norway (NO) and Switzerland (CH)

2 countries reported to have no analytical results available. 17 countries reported analytical results, in total 238 samples (155 products originating from Japan, 83 from fish from Pacific region):

AT: 9 samples
BE: 7 samples
BG: 6 samples
CH: 7 samples
CY: 5 samples
CZ: 2 samples
DE: 40 samples
EL: 33 samples
ES: 8 samples
FIN: 1 sample
FR: 30 samples
IRL: 1 sample
IT: 27 samples
NL: 14 samples
NO: 1 sample
SL: 1 sample
UK: 46 samples

With the exception of three samples of green tea, in most cases no detectable levels of Iodine-131, Caesium-134 and Caesium-137 were found with the exception of a few samples from the Pacific region in a very low level of Caesium 134 and Caesium-137 was found

Two samples of green tea from prefecture Shizuoka were found to contain non-compliant levels of sum of caesium-134 and 137 (in both cases about 1000 Bq/kg) and in a third sample a significant level of caesium was found (about 200 Bq/kg)

In the samples from Spain (ES) also analysis was performed on the following radionuclides: Cr-51, Mn-54, Co-58, Fe-59, Co-60, Zn-65, Nb-95, Ru-103, Ba-14, La-140 and Ce-144. All results were below the limit of detection

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In 3 samples from Austria also Am 241 was analysed; level was below LOD.

In the 6 samples from Switzerland (CH) also analysis was performed on the following radionuclides: K-40, Te-132 and I-132. All results were below the limit of detection (2 Bq/kg) with the exception of K-40 (ramenas: 45 Bq; green tea: 640, 561, and 616 Bq/kg; sesame seeds 160 Bq/kg; black beans 613 bq/kg; fish from Philippines: 134 Bq/kg)

Greece analysed in 4 samples of candy also Sr-90, Am-241, Plutonium 239/240 and Plutonium 238: all levels were below limit of detection

Detailed results in annex.