



EUROPEAN  
RECALL & NOTIFICATION INDEX

**Q2**  
**2018**

# Automotive



Automotive recalls and notifications decreased 14.2% to 103. Of these, 95 were motor vehicles - the lowest since Q4 2016 and only the second time there were fewer than 100 since Q4 2015. The machinery category accounted for 8 - higher than 11 of the last 13 quarters.



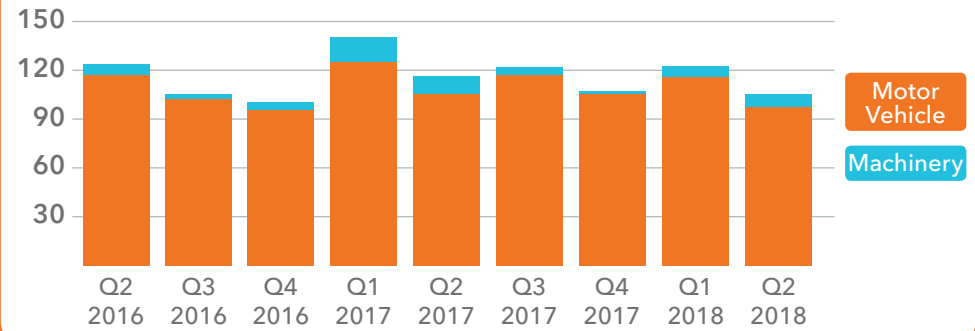
## ENGINES IN THE REARVIEW

After taking a back seat to engine issues in Q1, **airbags** were the top cause of passenger vehicle recalls and notifications in Q2.

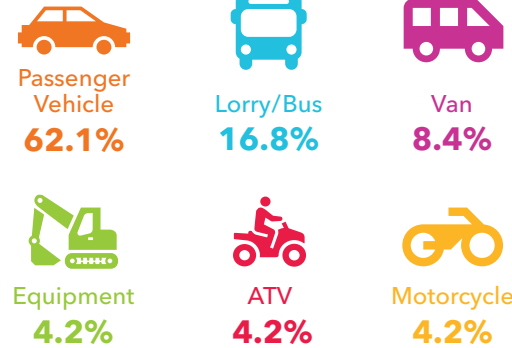
## CONNECTING THE DOTS

1. Germany was the top notifying country with 55 recalls and notifications, or 53.4%. Only one other country (France) notified more than 10. Germany was also the top country of origin.
2. Lorry/bus recalls increased from 11 in Q1 2018 to 16 in Q2.
3. Injuries were again the top hazard, accounting for 90 recalls and notifications, or 87.4%.

## AUTO RECALLS & NOTIFICATIONS BY TYPE



## TOP MOTOR VEHICLE CATEGORIES BY % OF RECALLS



## TOP PASSENGER VEHICLE RECALL CAUSES



## # OF AUTO RECALLS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



# Consumer



Consumer product recalls and notifications decreased 27.3% to 307 - the lowest since Q3 2016 and the second lowest since Q2 2011.



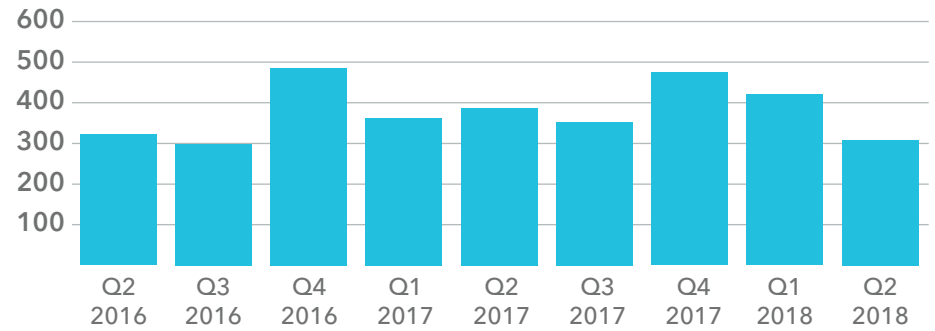
## LIGHTING UP

Recalls of lighting chains increased more than **300%** from Q1 2018 to Q2, making Q2 the equivalent of **65.8%** of lighting chain recalls in all of 2017.

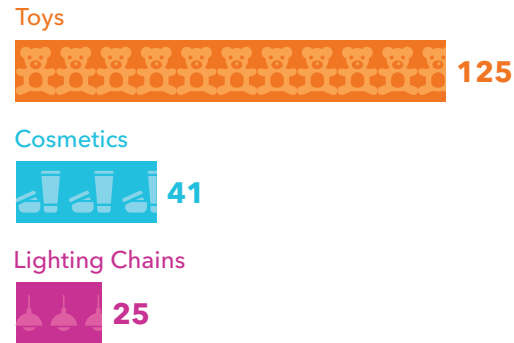
## CONNECTING THE DOTS

1. China was the top country of origin with 205 recalls and notifications, or 66.8%. No other country exceeded 4%.
2. Hungary, France and Poland were the top notifying countries, combining for 31.3% of recalls and notifications.
3. Chemical and choking risks were the top hazards, accounting for a combined 62.9%. Chemical hazards have been a leading category for the past ten quarters.

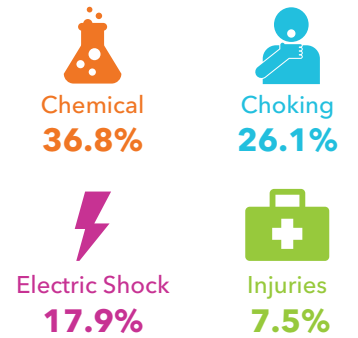
## CONSUMER RECALLS & NOTIFICATIONS



## TOP CONSUMER CATEGORIES BY # OF RECALLS



## TOP CONSUMER HAZARD BY % OF RECALLS



## CHINA LEADS AS COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOR 5/5 RECALL HAZARD CATEGORIES FOR THE EIGHTH STRAIGHT QTR.



# Food & Beverage



Recalls and notifications, including feed and food contact materials, increased 15.8% to 945. This is in line with the quarterly average in 2017 and is the sixth highest of all time.



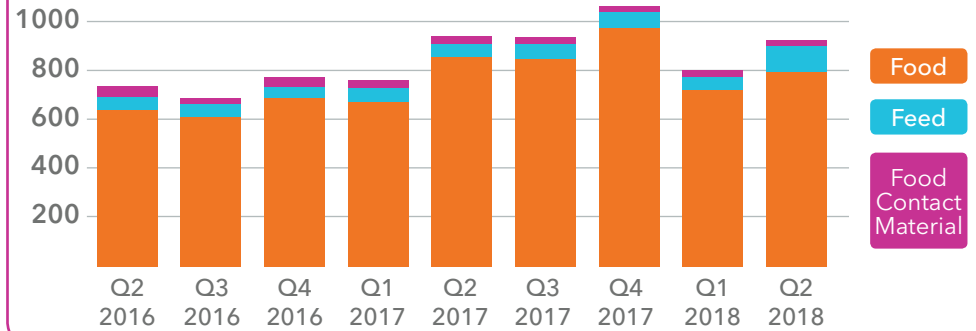
## NUTS IN A RUT

The top product category was nuts, nut products and seeds with **38 more** recalls than the second largest category.

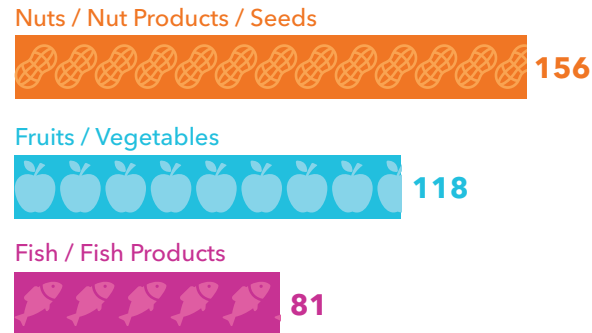
## CONNECTING THE DOTS

1. Bacterial contamination was the top cause of food recalls for the sixth quarter in a row.
2. The top notifying countries for food recalls and notifications were Italy, Netherlands and Germany, accounting for 34% of recalls and notifications.
3. Turkey was the top country of origin for food recalls and notifications for the third consecutive quarter.

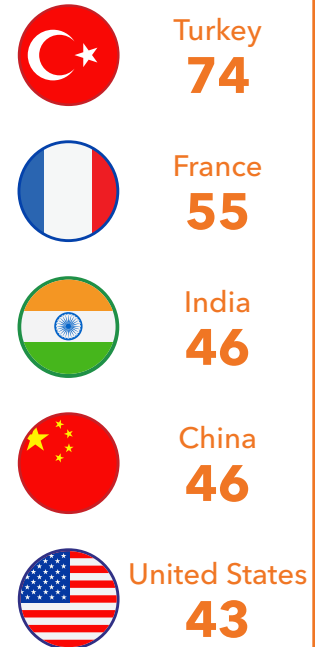
## RASFF RECALLS & NOTIFICATIONS BY TYPE



## TOP FOOD CATEGORIES BY # OF RECALLS



## # OF FOOD RECALLS BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



## TOP FOOD RECALL CAUSES



# Stericycle Expert Solutions & the Recall & Notification Index Explained

Stericycle Expert Solutions is a global leader in product recalls, retrievals, returns, audits and sustainability services. Expert Solutions offers bespoke solutions for a wide range of industries that are designed to aid companies in protecting and enhancing their brands.

## The Compilation of the European Recall & Notification Index

The European Recall and Notification Index gathers and tracks cumulative data from the primary European agencies that track recall notifications in the region. This data is segmented into multiple definitions of notifications and alerts, but collated into a central figure for the purpose of analysis.

### RAPEX

Rapid alert system for the exchange of information on measures taken to prevent or restrict the marketing of dangerous consumer products with the exception of food, pharmaceutical and medical devices, which are covered by other mechanisms.

### RASFF

The RASFF provides food and feed control authorities with an effective tool to exchange information about measures taken responding to serious risks detected in relation to food or feed. The Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed tracks all food and drink recalls.

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