

Annex V
PROJECT PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

UN/CEFACT Project Proposal

Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) Notification Exchange

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Project Purpose

The RASFF as established by Regulation EC/178/2002 is a network of countries, the European Commission (EC) and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) working together in matters of food safety in order to follow issues and incidents related to food safety within the European Union and European Free Trade Association (EFTA), for food and feed related products coming from any country.

The RASFF network is composed of designated National Contact Points (NCPs) in each participant country as well as EC and EFTA representatives. These contact points can decide if food and feed safety issues discovered in a Member (by inspecting products in the market or at the border) are under the scope of the RASFF system.

A special model, the RASFF notification form is used to communicate details of the findings to the European Commission. The EC in turn performs a number of tasks and checks if it can make the notification available to other members and can as well inform non-Members of RASFF (third countries). Third countries where the product is exported or countries of origin of the product are notified so as to be able to take corrective measures when and as needed.

This project employs the electronic process for the exchange of RASFF notification information and establishes the specification of what information (in the form of standard messages) is exchanged among and/or within a group of countries. There is quite some experience with the registration of food safety risks and hazards related information in RASFF. This project will also attempt to establish a taxonomy and practical ways for the classification and usage of this information.

Project Scope

The collaboration between the NCPs and the EC via the RASFF system and the current practices are well established and known between the RASFF members. This collaboration is realised by using an information system, namely iRASFF.

The experience with using the current system and communication with third countries indicates that the usage of electronic exchange of the RASFF notification information and connection with existing information systems in RASFF Members can facilitate the exchange in shorter time periods while improving the content quality and decreasing the effort to perform the checks at central levels (Members, EC, or other similar cluster of countries).

The project intends to establish a common specification for the exchange of information between all participants. This exchange shall leverage practices and experience from the RASFF network (and other similar networks).

This project creates a specification for

- 1) process capturing the notification and distribution from a member towards a cluster and other countries.
- 2) Standards for data and information exchange

Project Deliverables

The project deliverables include:

- A catalogue of Business Process Models using UMM/UML covering the electronic logbook business process
- A guide for users which enables them to select the model appropriate to their needs
- The class diagrams of the business transactions for the creation of the XML messages
- The BRS and RSM documents
- XML messages to support the business transactions

Exit Criteria

All deliverables are validated by the project team before they are submitted for validation to the UN/CEFACT members (PDA/Sectoral/Agriculture).

Project Team Membership and Required Functional Expertise

Membership is open to experts with broad knowledge in the area of food safety within the European Commission, European Food Safety Authority, European Union (and EFTA) countries, ASEAN RASFF, other alert systems in the same domain, UN/CEFACT projects and the functions of UN/CEFACT, and its groups. In addition, Heads of Delegations may invite technical experts from their constituency to participate in the work. Experts are expected to contribute to the work based solely on their expertise and to comply with the UN/CEFACT Code of Ethics.

Initially the project team is composed of:

- European Commission SANCO Representatives
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HoD support [required for technical standards, business standards and UNECE recommendations]

Heads of delegation of

Germany +: Mr. Christoph WOLF, Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry - DIHK

Italy +: Mr. Claudio PADUA. Economic Development Ministry of Italy

Spain+ Mr. Manuel PEREIRA-RAMOS, CEOE - SIMPROESPANA

The Netherlands + Mr. Arie VAN BELLEN, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry

Geographical Focus

The geographical focus covers the globe, initial contribution is expected from is European Union Member States, European Free Trade Association countries (namely Liechtenstein, Iceland, Norway, and Switzerland), Asia via the ARASFF system.

The food and feed products chain and exchange covers the globe, so end products consumed in Europe can be sourced from anywhere in the world. Economic operators and authorities have a high interest for the timely exchange of structured information so as to facilitate trade as well as trace and block all safety threats within reasonable time.

Initial Contributions

The following contributions are submitted as part of this proposal. It is understood that these contributions are only for consideration by the project team and that other participants may submit additional contributions in order to ensure that as much information as possible is obtained from those with expertise and a material interest in the project.

- Process Model for notifications
- Data Dictionary and Data Model for exchanged information

Resource Requirements

Participants in the project shall provide resources for their own participation. The existence and functioning of the project shall not require any additional resources from the UNECE secretariat.

Project Leadership

Project Leader: Philippe.Loopuyt@ec.europa.eu

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Milestones

A project plan, documenting the objectives to be achieved, and showing the major products, milestones, activities and resources required on the project will be developed after acceptance of the project.

ODP Step	ODP Stage	Expected Completion Date
1	Project Inception	2012-09-15
2	Requirements gathering	2012-10-31
3	Draft development	2012-12-31
4	Public Draft Review (required for Standards and Recommendations Project Exit	2013-06-31
6	Publication	2013-12-31
7	Maintenance	2014-06-31

ADD HEAD OF DELEGATION CONTACT & CONFIRMATION

