

Product Safety Unit

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A product must be withdrawn when:

1. The food has been irradiated at an irradiation facility not approved by the EU ^{x)}
2. The food irradiated is a food whose irradiation is not allowed ^{xx)}

Evira submits an RASFF notification to the Commission of the European Communities on all cases of withdrawal.

^{x)} A list of irradiation facilities approved in EU Member States and third countries is available at the Commission website:
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/irradiation/comm_legisl_en.htm

^{xx)} Products that may be irradiated include dried herbs, spices and spice plants (Decree of the Ministry of Trade and Industry on Treatment of Food with Ionizing Radiation 852/2000).

¹ If it is simply a case of the irradiation not being appropriately indicated on the packaging, distribution and sales of the product must be stopped, but the product does not need to be withdrawn.