

RAPEX

EU Rapid Alert System RAPEX

- Established under the **General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC)** – non-food only
- **RAPEX Guidelines** define the operation of RAPEX
- Objective: ensure that information about dangerous consumer products identified in one EU State is quickly circulated to the other Member States and the Commission for appropriate follow-up, with the aim of preventing their further supply to consumers in Europe



Members

- 27 MS of the EU
- 3 EFTA/EEA



RAPEX Notification Criteria

- **Non-food consumer** product
- **Serious risk** to the health and safety of consumers
- **Restrictive and protective measures** adopted by the competent authority (obligatory measures) or by economic operators (voluntary measures)
- **'Cross border effect'** in Europe

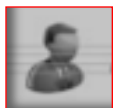


RAPEX Operation





RAPEX network in Member States



RAPEX Contact Point



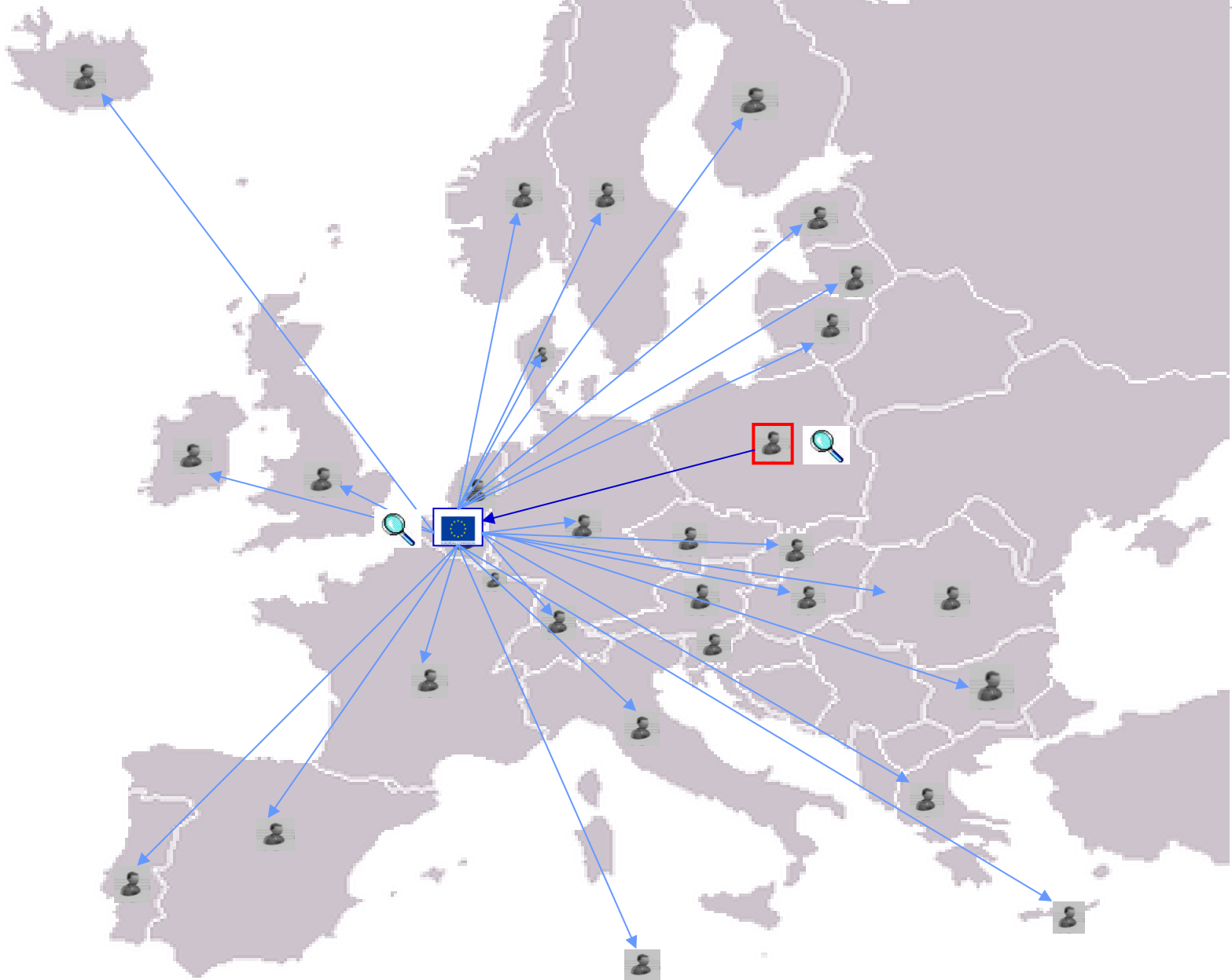
Market surveillance authorities



Customs authorities

← Notifying MS > Commission

← Commission > other MS



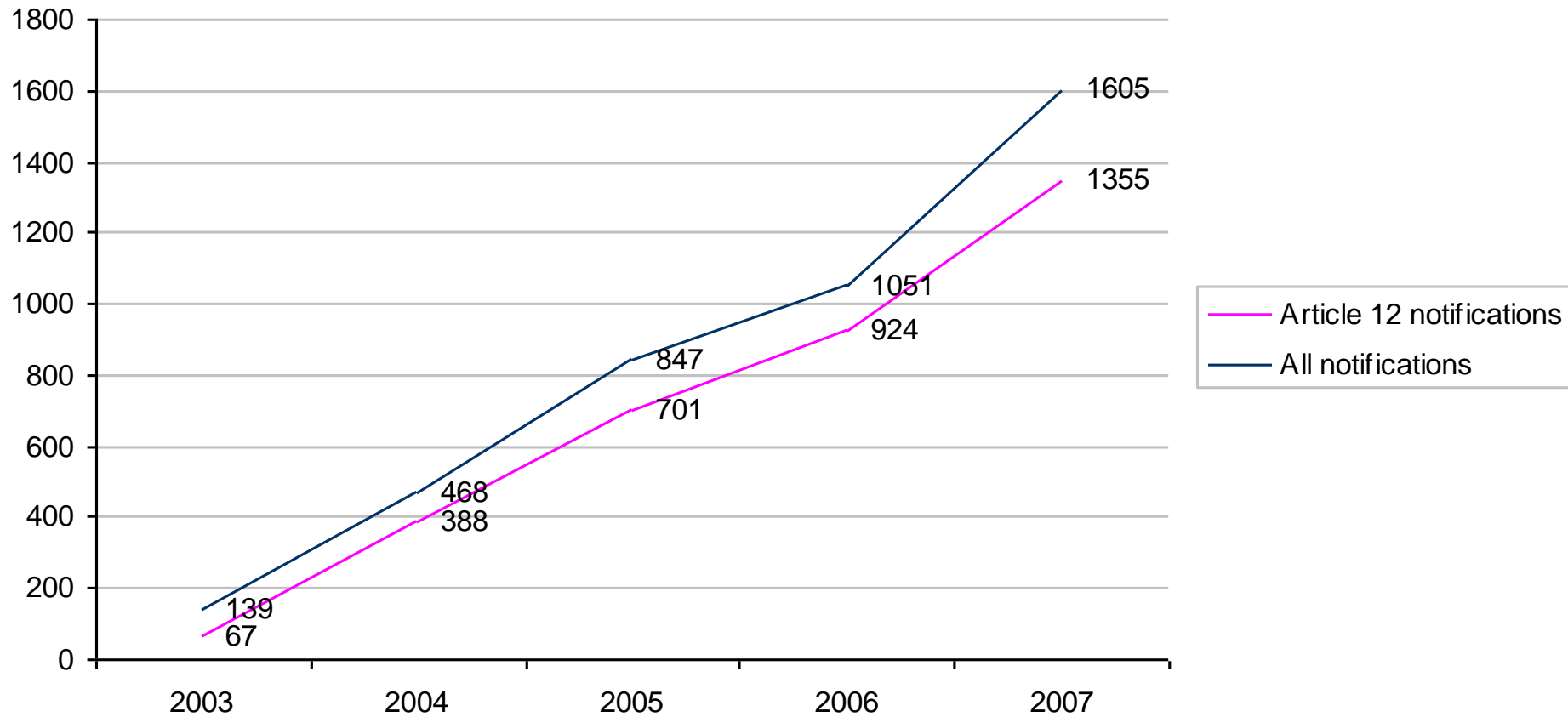
2008 - 22	26 0607/08	United Kingdom	<p>Category: Toys Product: Musical game - "Baby Play Thing"</p> <p>Brand: SUPER TOYS Type/number of model: Item n° SL-0682A / n° 2002E, Bar code 5291410028141</p> <p>Description: Assembled musical toy for a child's bed. Packaging: the cardboard contains the following information: a pictogram concerning the age restriction (ages over 3 years), a warning: choking hazard small parts and a "CE mark".</p> <p>Country of origin: China</p>	<p>Choking</p> <p>This product poses a choking because it releases parts that fit into the cylinder. The toy is clearly intended for children over 3 years old.</p> <p>The product does not comply with the Toys Directive and relevant European standards.</p>
				



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RAPEX Statistics



Notifications

■ By product group

- Toys – 31%
- Motor vehicles – 15%
- Electrical appliances – 12%
- Lighting equipment – 6%
- Cosmetics – 6%

■ By country of origin

- China – 51%
- Unknown – 13%
- Germany – 6%
- Italy – 2%
- Japan – 2%
- U.S. – 2%

RAPEX Elements

– building blocks of successful system

- **Clear legal obligations complemented by RAPEX Guidelines**
- **RAPEX Contact Points Network** at the EU level
- **RAPEX networks** at the MS level
- RAPEX Contact Points **Working Group**
- Online application '**REIS**'
- **Commission RAPEX Team**
- RAPEX **website** (www.ec.europa.eu/rapex)
- RAPEX paper and electronic **publications**
- Program of **seminars**



RAPEX-China Application

- Dedicated system providing AQSIQ access to RAPEX data concerning products coming from China (not access to full RAPEX database)
- Aims at:
 - Enhancing product safety by allowing AQSIQ to enforce corrective action at the source
 - Allowing AQSIQ to target market surveillance and enforcement activities
 - Increasing awareness of the EU safety rules and standards
 - Enhancing consumer confidence in Chinese products
- Quarterly feedback from AQSIQ

Thank you for your attention!

- Questions ?
- More information can be found on the European Commission's website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/rapex>