

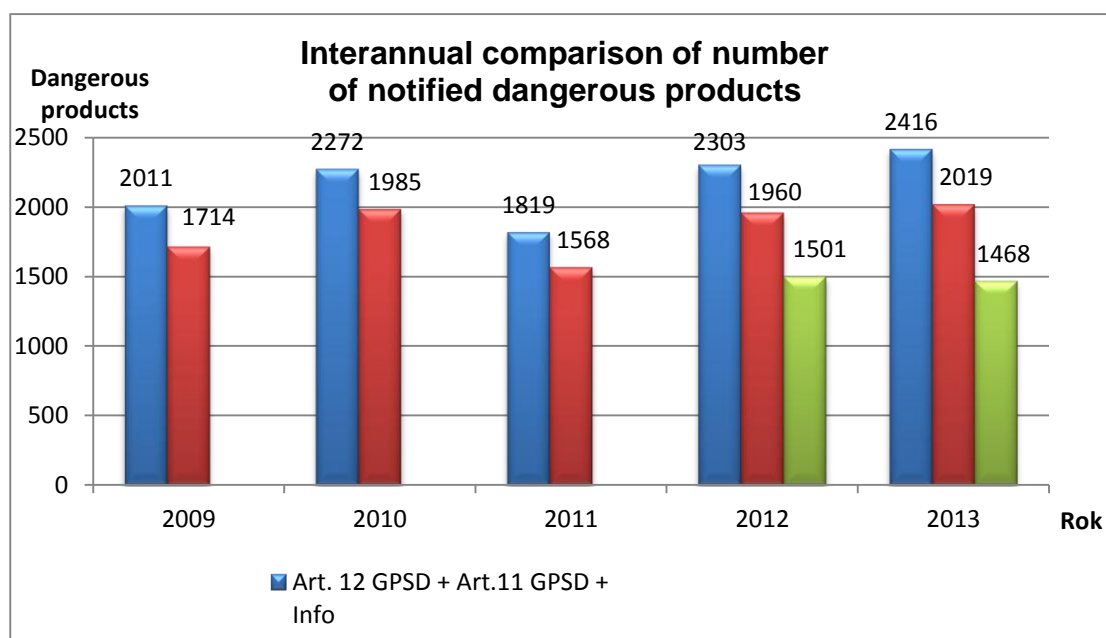
## CTIA notified 38 dangerous products in RAPEX

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*(Prague, March 25, 2014)* The Czech Trade Inspection Authority has been involved in the European system facilitating rapid exchange of information about dangerous products RAPEX (*Rapid Alert System*) since the Czech Republic joined the European Union. And there has a national contact point for non-food products at the Ministry of Industry and Trade. In 2013, the Czech Trade Inspection Authority contributed to notification of dangerous products in compliance with the General Product Safety Directive by submitting 28 notifications and 10 INFO notifications. Notifications concerned 16 toys, 4 types of light chains, and 3 types of electronic products. The Czech Trade Inspection Authority received 1,468 notifications in 2013. Inspectors detected a total of 11 types of products notified in the RAPEX system in the period from 2011 to 2013.

Participation of all member states in the RAPEX system is continuously evaluated by the Committee of the General Product Safety Directive of the European Commission and experience from its operation have been the bases for subsequent changes of European legislation.

The year 2013 saw slight increase in the number of dangerous products filed in the RAPEX system by the EU member states – for details see the below chart. There were fewer products filed in the system in the first quarter of 2013 when compared with 2012.

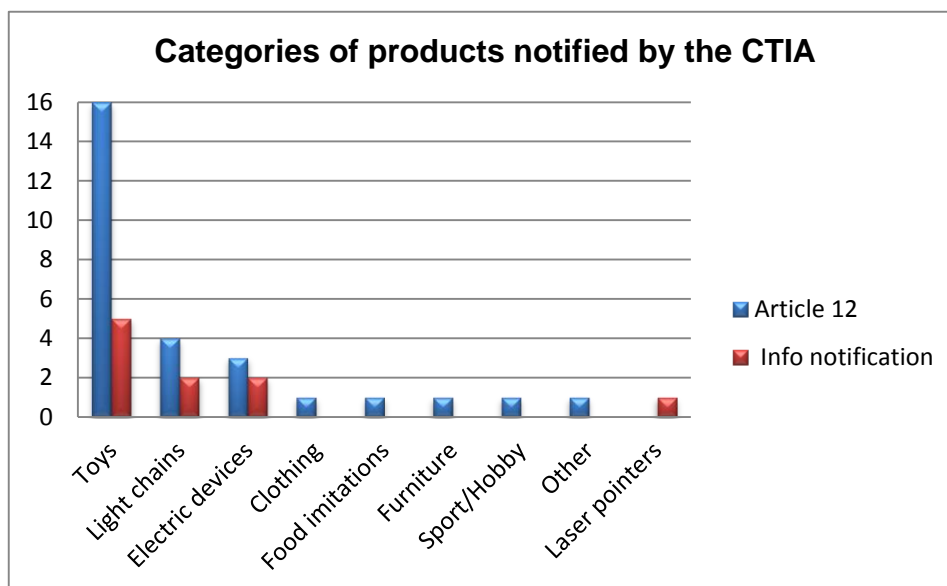


The European Commission published a total of 2,416 notifications concerning dangerous products, including 2,019 notifications in compliance with Article 12 of the General Product Safety Directive (further on referred to as GPSD) – serious risk. The Czech Trade Inspection Authority evaluated all published notifications - according to Article 12 of the GPSD, 1468 notifications from the contact point were sent to the CTIA. (Notifications that due to various reasons failed all criteria for being published according to Article 12 of the GPSD – serious risk were published in category of Article 11 or INFO – for information).

The Czech Trade Inspection Authority participated in notifications of dangerous products in compliance with Article 12 of the GPSD by the total of 28 notifications which was more by 20 products when compared with the year 2012. CTIA also published 10 INFO notifications. It also received 10 notifications on voluntary measures taken by manufacturers in the evaluated period. These announcements were made in compliance with Article 5.3 of the GPSD (see the table).

*Where producers and distributors know or ought to know that a product that they have placed on the market poses risks to the consumer that are incompatible with the general safety requirement, they shall immediately inform the competent authorities of the Member States.*

From Article 5.3 of the Directive on General Product Safety of the European Parliament and of the Council 2001/95/EC



## RAPEX - individual categories of products within CTIA competence as notified in 2013

