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Subject: The effectiveness of the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) in protecting consumers from food-related hazards in the EU

Dear Ms Teresa Anjinho, dear colleague,

Thank you for your letter inviting members of the European Network of Ombudsmen to consider parallel inquiries into the functioning of the EU Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF).

The Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia welcomes this initiative and recognises the importance of an effective, consistent and transparent RASFF system for the protection of health, consumer rights and good administration within the European Union.

Within the scope of its mandate, the Ombudsman intends to seek information from the competent national authorities regarding the implementation of RASFF in Slovenia. The specific authorities to be consulted will be determined in accordance with the subject matter and the Ombudsman's assessment of relevance.

The Ombudsman expects this examination to address relevant aspects of the implementation and functioning of the RASFF system at national level, in particular in relation to timeliness, coordination and transparency.

Once the relevant replies have been received and assessed, the Ombudsman will share with your Office the main findings and any relevant outcomes, subject to the applicable procedural and confidentiality requirements.

We remain available for any further coordination regarding the scope and format of the information that may be useful for your assessment of the overall functioning of RASFF.

Yours sincerely,

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