Reports on non-compliance with EU food law and agri-food fraud: August 2025

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Latest EU overview of food found not to comply with EU law

European Commission: August 2025 Report on EU Agri-Food Fraud Suspicions

Update

The European Commission publishes monthly overviews of foods that are not compliant with European Union (EU) food law. The August 2025 report includes notifications concerning the following 21 AGRINFO partner countries: **Afghanistan**, **Argentina**, **Bangladesh**, **Brazil**, **China, Ecuador**, **Egypt**, **India, Iran, Kazakhstan**, **Malaysia**, **Moldova, Morocco**, **Peru**, **Philippines**, **South Africa**, **Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, Viet Nam**.

These monthly overviews highlight ongoing and emerging risks of non-compliance that help agri-food exporters and competent authorities in non-EU countries to identify, monitor, and address risks that may affect trade.

Impacted products

Alcoholic beverages; cephalopods and their products; cereals and bakery products; cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee, and tea; confectionery; crustaceans and products; dietetic foods, food supplements, and fortified foods; eggs and egg products; fats and oils; fish and fish products; feed materials; food additives and flavourings; food contact materials; fruits and vegetables; herbs and spices; honey and royal jelly; milk and milk products; non-alcoholic beverages; other food products/mixed; poultry meat and poultry meat products; prepared dishes and snacks; soups, broths, sauces, and condiments; wine

Latest notifications

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Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Moldova, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, and Viet Nam.

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These notifications concern:

- product and record tampering (Table 1)
- unauthorised foods, ingredients, origins, and residues not compliant with maximum residue levels (MRLs) (Table 2).

This report should be read in conjunction with the August RASFF report. RASFF notifications that relate purely to consumer risk with no suspicion of fraud are not included in this report.

Timeline

These reports are issued every month.

Recommended Actions

Competent authorities in countries that are included in these monthly overviews should pay attention to any non-compliances identified in the reports. It is particularly important that the producers/export companies concerned are informed as soon as possible so that they can take action and prevent a recurrence. These incidents also potentially indicate a more widespread problem that may require a coordinated response by the food sector in the country concerned.

Background

These monthly reports compile information notified to the EU's Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed Network (RASFF), Administrative Assistance and Cooperation Network (AAC), and Agri-Food Fraud Network (FFN). The reports also include non-compliances with EU rules that do not present a risk but have triggered investigations by the competent authorities of individual importing EU Member States.

Resources

European Commission:

- Monthly reports on EU Agri-Food Fraud suspicions
- RASFF Window

Regulation 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing entry into the EU of certain goods from third countries

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Regulation 2019/1873 on the procedures at border control posts for a coordinated performance by competent authorities of intensified official controls on products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and composite products

Sources

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Product and record tampering

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Argentina	Flavoured wine-based drink	Bottles evocating branded sparkling wines (e-marketed)	Intellectual Property Rights
Brazil	Sweets	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
China	Alaska pollock (*Theragra chalcogramma*)	Addition of water (undeclared)	Adulteration (substitution)
	Duck meat	Label/document origin mismatch	Traceability defect
	Garlic (granulated)	Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	Undeclared enhancement
	Jujubes (*Zizyphus mauritiana*)	Sulphur dioxide (E 220), sorbic acid (E 200)	
	Sweets	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
	Xanthan gum	Chlorate	
China, via UK	Sweets	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
Ecuador	Shrimps	Sulphites (E 220 – E 228)	Not compliant with EU MLs
			Undeclared enhancement
Egypt	Beet pulp pellets	Benzalkonium chloride (BAC)	Unapproved enhancement
India	Corn-based snacks	Ponceau 4R, cochineal red A (E 124)	Unapproved enhancement
	Food supplements	Ethylene oxide	
	Lime pickles		
	Shrimps	Lower protein content than declared, water content (undeclared)	Adulteration (substitution)
	Spice mix	Ethylene oxide	Unapproved enhancement
Iran via Türkiye	Pistachio kernels	Forgery of origin	Traceability defect
Kazakhstan	Vodka	Raisin infusion, distilled glycerin	Unapproved enhancement
Malaysia	Popcorn	Higher content of fat, sugar, and salt than declared	Product related dates, records and information
	Sweets	Carrageenan (E 407)	Unapproved enhancement
Moldova	Eggs	Labelled with EU producer code	Traceability defects
Morocco	Olives	Sulphites (E 220 – E 228)	Undeclared enhancement
Philippines	Sauces	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
South Africa	Fish products	GMO corn (NK603, TC1507, MON89034) (undeclared)	Product related dates, records and information
Syria	Corn-based snacks	Sunset yellow FCF (E 110), GMOs (undeclared)	Unapproved enhancement

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Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Thailand	Energy drinks	Maltitols (E 965)	Unapproved enhancement
	Lemonades	Misleading description and picturing	Product related dates, records and information
	Palm sugar	Sulphur dioxide (E 220) (64 mg/kg)*	Undeclared enhancement
	Soursop juice	Lower content of soursop than declared, malic acid (E 296) (undeclared)	Product related dates, records and information
Türkiye	Dubai chocolates	Green mulberry leaf, brilliant blue FCF (E 133) (undeclared)	Unapproved enhancement
	Honeycomb	Sugar profile deviation	Adulteration (dilution)
	Pistachios	Misleading traceability information	Record tampering
Viet Nam	Mangoes (dried)	Sulphites (E 220 – E 228) (undeclared) (e-marketed)	Undeclared enhancement
Viet Nam via Ukraine	Rice	Label/document origin mismatch	Traceability defects

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MLs: maximum limit(s).

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Table 2
Unauthorised foods, ingredients, origins, and residues not compliant with MRLs

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Afghanistan	Various food products of non-animal origin	Unsuitable transport conditions	Implicit claim violations
Bangladesh	Masala condiments	*Senna alexandrina*	Unauthorised ingredient
	Pickled olives	*Trigonella foenum-graecum*	
	Preserved fruit preparations		
	Shrimps (*Penaeus monodon*)	Leucomalachite green	Residues of veterinary medicines not compliant with EU MRLs
China	Duck meat in sauce	Unapproved operators (Chinese and Dutch) indicated on the label	Unauthorised origin
	Food supplements	Trans-pterostilbene	Unauthorised ingredient
	Measuring spoons	Invalid declaration of conformity	Implicit claim violation
	Miso pastes	GMO rice	Unauthorised food
	Oyster sauces	Skipped border controls	Implicit claim violation
	Tea		
India	Food supplements	*Cassia occidentalis*	Unauthorised food, ingredient
		Mucuna pruriens	
Moldova	Products of animal origin	Attempted illegal import	Unauthorised origin
Peru	Squid (*Gosidicus gigas*)	Absence of labelling	Traceability defects
Thailand	Coffee creamer	Skipped border controls	Implicit claim violation
Türkiye	Food supplements	Sildenafil, tadalafil	Unauthorised food, ingredient
		Sildenafil (e-marketed)	Unauthorised operator
	Slimming drinks	Sibutramine	Unauthorised food, ingredient
Ukraine	Eggs	Nitrofuran (metabolite) furazolidone (AOZ)	Residues of veterinary medicines not compliant with EU MRLs
	Herbal tea	Alder buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*)	Unauthorised food, ingredient
	Wheat by-products	By-product of bioethanol production possibly diverted to feed	Diversion
Viet Nam	Shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*)	Nitrofuran (metabolite) furazolidone (AOZ)	Residues of veterinary medicines not compliant with EU MRLs
	Soup powders	Skipped border controls	Implicit claim violation

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FCM: food contact material; MRLs: maximum residue limits.

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