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

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

European Commission: December 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 December 2025 report includes notifications concerning the following 18 AGRINFO partner countries: **Algeria, Brazil, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kosovo, Lebanon, Moldova, Namibia, Nigeria, Serbia, 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; animal by-products; cereals and bakery products; cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee, and tea; confectionery; crustaceans and products; dietetic foods, food supplements, and fortified foods; fats and oils; fish and fish products; food contact materials; fruits and vegetables; ices and desserts; meat and meat products (poultry, non-poultry); other food products/mixed; prepared dishes and snacks; wine

Latest notifications

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Algeria, Brazil, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Kosovo, Lebanon, Moldova, Namibia, Nigeria, Serbia, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, Viet Nam.

These notifications concern:

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

This report should be read in conjunction with RASFF notifications in December 2025. 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

Implementing 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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Implementing 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
Brazil	Chicken meat	Chlorate	Unapproved enhancement
China	Alaska pollock fillets (frozen) (*Theragra chalcogramma*)	Water addition (undeclared)	Adulteration (substitution)
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Health claims	Nutrition and health claims
	Kitchenware	Declaration of conformity (incorrect EAN codes)	Product related dates, records, and information
	Sake	Sugars addition (undeclared) (glucose, fructose)	Adulteration (dilution)
	Sweets	Sunset Yellow FCF (E 110)	Not compliant with EU MLs
	Water bottles (e-marketed)	Misrepresentation as official emblem of French supervisory authority	Record tampering
Colombia	Sweets	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
Ecuador	Shrimps (frozen) (*Litopenaeus vannamei*)	Lower net weight than declared	Quantity (net, gross, weight, volume)
		Water addition, misdeclared fish meat content	Adulteration (substitution)
Ghana	Cocoa powder	Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	Not compliant with EU MLs
India	Food supplements	Ethylene oxide	Unapproved enhancement
	Green mustard leaves in curry sauce	Absence of curry	Product-related dates, records, and information
	Shrimps (frozen) (*L. vannamei*)	Water addition, misdeclared net weight (glaze)	Adulteration (substitution)

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Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Indonesia	Sweets	Sodium benzoate (E 211)	Unapproved enhancement
Kosovo	Cherry preparation	Benzoic acid (E 210)	Unapproved enhancement
Lebanon	Olive oil	Absence of indication of category	Labelling deficiencies
		Vegetable oils	Adulteration (dilution)
Nigeria	Soft drinks	Sunset Yellow FCF (E 110)	Not compliant with EU MLs
Serbia	Tortillas	Calcium sorbate (E 203)	Unapproved enhancement
Thailand	Sweets	Carrageenan (E 407), titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
Türkiye, USA	Confectionery products (dispatched from UK)	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
Ukraine	Glazed cheese (frozen)	Forged temperature records, transport temperature	Record tampering
	Wine	Sulphites (E 220–E 228)	Undeclared enhancement
Viet Nam	Meat preparations	Labelled as vegetarian/vegan (DNA of poultry, *Canis lupus* spp. [*sic*], and fish)	Product-related dates, records, and information
	Pangasius fillets (frozen) (*Pangasianodon hypophthalmus*)	Water addition, misdeclared net weight (glaze)	Adulteration (substitution)
		Water addition, misdeclared net weight	Adulteration (substitution)
		Lower net weight than declared, citric acid (E330) (undeclared)	Product-related dates, records, and information
	Processed pangasius fillets (frozen) (*P. hypophthalmus*)	Labelled as unprocessed	Product-related dates, records, and information
	Shrimps (frozen) (*L. vannamei*)	Water addition, misdeclared net weight (glaze)	Adulteration (substitution)
		Water addition	Adulteration (substitution)

EAN, European Article Number.
ML, maximum limit.

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

Country	Products	Issue/unauthorised ingredient	Classification
Algeria	Chips (with milk ingredients)	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
China	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Rhizoma *Ligusticum chuanxiong*, rhizoma *Atractylodis macrocephalae*	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements	Tirzepatide, glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1)	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Tongkat ali (*Eurycoma longifolia*)	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	*Trametes robiniophil*	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements	*T. robiniophil*	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements	*Zanthoxylum americanum*, health claim (e-marketed)	Not authorised in EU
	Sponge gourd (*Luffa operculata*)	Cucumber (*Luffa operculata*)	Not authorised in EU
	Collagen (e-marketed)	Skipped border controls	Implicit claim violation
Ecuador	Fish meal	Ruminant DNA	Not authorised in EU
India	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Shankhpushpi (*Convolvulus pluricaulis*)	Not authorised in EU
	Shrimps (frozen) (*Litopenaeus vannamei*)	Nitrofuran (metabolite) nitrofurazone (semicarbazide, SEM)	Residues not compliant with EU MRLs
	Malt drink powder (with milk ingredients)	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
Indonesia	Food supplements (e-marketed)	*Phyllanthus niruri*	Not authorised in EU
Moldova	Pork products	Attempt to illegally import, transport temperature	Smuggling
	Products of animal origin	Attempt to illegally import, transport temperature, absence of labelling	Unauthorised origin
	Products of animal origin	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
Namibia	Beef meat	Skipped border controls	Implicit claim violation
Thailand	Herbal infusion (e-marketed from UK)	*Senna alexandrina*, health claims	Not authorised in EU
	Slimming tea (e-marketed from UK)	*S. alexandrina*	Not authorised in EU
Türkiye	Tea	Okra blossom (*Hibiscus esculentus*)	Not authorised in EU
	Honey and herbal preparation	Sildenafil, sibutramine	Not authorised in EU
Ukraine	Biscuits	Carline thistle root extract (*Carlina acaulis*)	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Tongkat ali (*Eurycoma longifolia*)	Not authorised in EU
Vietnam	Shrimps (*L. vannamei*) (frozen)	Leucomalachite Green	Residues not compliant with EU MRLs

FCM, food contact material.
MRL, maximum residue level.

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