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

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

European Commission: January 2025 Report on Agri-Food Fraud Suspicions

Update

The European Commission publishes monthly overviews of foods that are not compliant with EU food law. The January 2025 report includes notifications concerning the following AGRINFO partner countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of North Macedonia, Senegal, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam.

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

Impacted products

Bivalve molluscs and their products; cereals and bakery products; cocoa, coffee, tea; confectionery; crustaceans and their products; dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods; food contact materials; feed additives and materials; fats and oils; fish and fish products; fruits and vegetables; gastropods; herbs and spices; honey and royal jelly; meat and meat products (other than poultry); milk and milk products; non-alcoholic beverages; nuts, nut products and seeds; other food products/mixed; poultry meat and its products; prepared dishes and snacks

Notifications

The January 2025 report includes notifications involving the following 36 AGRINFO partner countries:

Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burkina Faso, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Malaysia,

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Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of North Macedonia, Senegal, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam.

These notifications concern:

- product non-compliance and tampering (Table 1)
- record tampering; avoidance of control; false or deficient documentation (including mislabelling); identification, origin, and traceability defects (Table 2)
- non-compliance with maximum residue levels (MRLs) for pesticides and veterinary medicines (Table 3).

See RASFF notifications in January 2025.

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

Monthly reports on EU agri-food fraud suspicions

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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Table 1
Product tampering

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Afghanistan	Dried apricots	Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	Undeclared enhancement
Argentina	Raisins	Chlorate	Unauthorised
Brazil	Vegetable mix	Sodium metabisulphite (E 223)	Unauthorised enhancement
China	Radish	Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	Undeclared enhancement
	Tableware	Bamboo	Unauthorised food contact material
	Xanthan gum	Ethylene oxide	Unauthorised
Ecuador	Shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*)	Sulphites (E 220–E 228)	Unauthorised enhancement
India	Turmeric powder	Methyl yellow	Unauthorised enhancement
	Clitoria ternatea		Unauthorised food, ingredient
Iran	Dried fruits	Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	Undeclared enhancement
Jordan	Hummus	Sodium metabisulphite (E 223), calcium disodium EDTA (E 385)	Unauthorised enhancement
Lebanon	Jam	Benzoic acid (E 211) (196 mg/kg), allura red AC (E 129)	Unauthorised enhancement
Pakistan	Fennel seeds with sugar coating	Allura red AC (E 129), sunset yellow FCF (E 110), ponceau 4R (E 124)	Unauthorised enhancement
Thailand	Candied pineapple	Sunset yellow FCF (E 110)	Unauthorised enhancement
	Herbal infusions	*Clitoria ternatea*	Unauthorised food, ingredient
Türkiye	Crispy snack mix	Sunset yellow FCF (E 110)	Unauthorised enhancement
	Ground cardamom	Ethylene oxide	Unauthorised
	Honey	Sugar content	Unauthorised enhancement
	Paprika	Ethylene oxide	Unauthorised
	Raisins	Sulphite (E 220)	Undeclared enhancement
	White pepper	Ethylene oxide	Unauthorised
Uzbekistan	Food supplements	Nano calcium	Unauthorised food, ingredient
Vietnam	Cooked clams	Lower content of protein than declared	Unauthorised
	Crackers	Ponceau 4R (E 124)	Unauthorised enhancement
	Fruit juice	Sugar, sucralose (E 955), aspartame (E 951), tartrazine (E 102), sulphite ammonia caramel (E 150d)	Unauthorised enhancement
	Shrimps in breadcrumbs	Lower content of protein than declared	Unauthorised
	Snail meat	*Pomacea* spp.	Unauthorised food, ingredient
	Soft drinks	Basil seeds	Unauthorised ingredient
	Tuna	Water addition	Unauthorised

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Table 2
Record tampering, control, documentation, identification, origin, and traceability

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Argentina	Beef cheeks	Unauthorised operator	Unauthorised origin
Brazil	Corn flour	Undeclared GMO	Product related dates, records and information
China	Dairy drinks	Attempted illegal import	Unauthorised origin
	Dairy and pork products	Illegal import	
	Duck meat	Unregistered importer	Traceability defects
India	Chocolate bars with milk	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
	Collagen	Forged health certificate	Document fraud
Iran	Biscuits with milk and egg	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
	Prepared dishes and snacks		
	Various food products with milk		
Kosovo	Various food products with milk	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
Moldova	Products of animal origin	Lack of traceability, absence of labelling	Implicit claim violations
	Various food products	Attempt to skip border controls	
Ukraine	Various food products	Attempt to skip border controls	Implicit claim violations
Vietnam	Venus mussels	Mislabelling	Method of capture and of production

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Table 3
Non-compliance with pesticide and veterinary medicine MRLs

Country	Products
Albania	Clementines
Bangladesh	Hyacinth beans (*Lablab purpureus*)
Brazil	Limes, mung beans
Burkina Faso	Aubergine / eggplants
China	Garlic cloves, ginger, mung beans, mushrooms, star anise
Colombia	Passion fruits
Costa Rica	Plantains
Egypt	Oranges, parsley (dried), peppers, strawberries
India	Cumin (ground), drumsticks (*Moringa oleifera*), guavas, okras, rice
	Shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) [V]
Indonesia	Lime leaves
Jordan	Durum wheat
Kenya	Beans (*Vigna* spp., *Phaseolus* spp.)
Lebanon	Olives
Malaysia	Jackfruits
Mexico	Chipotle (powder)
Morocco	Clementines
Nigeria	Soybean meal (feed material)
Pakistan	Rice
Peru	Granadillas
Senegal	Peppers
Serbia	Mushrooms
Sri Lanka	Black cumin oil, black pepper (organic)
Syria	Olives
Thailand	Beans, durians
Türkiye	Lemons, mandarins, peppers, pomegranates, sesame seeds, sultana raisins, tomatoes, vine leaves
Uganda	Passion fruits, peppers
Vietnam	Pitahayas

All non-compliances are for pesticide residues except those marked [V] for Veterinary medicine.

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