Reports on non-compliance with EU food law and agri-food fraud: July 2026

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European Commission: July 2026 Report on EU Agri-Food Fraud Suspicions

Latest notifications

The European Commission publishes monthly overviews of foods that do not comply with European Union (EU) food law, including potentially fraudulent practices that are identified and reported by EU Member State authorities.

The July 2026 report includes notifications involving the following 24 AGRINFO partner countries: Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Moldavia, Peru, Philippines, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam.

These notifications concern:

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

The European Commission compiles these overviews of non-compliance based on information from the EU's Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed Network (RASFF), Administrative Assistance and Cooperation Network (AAC), and Agri-Food Fraud Network (FFN). These monthly overviews help agri-food exporters and competent authorities in non-EU countries to monitor and address risks that may affect trade. 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.

This report should be read in conjunction with RASFF notifications in July 2026. RASFF notifications that relate purely to consumer risk with no suspicion of fraud are not included in this report.

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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.

Timeline

These reports are issued every month.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1: Product and record tampering

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Apricots (dried)	Sulfur dioxide (E 220)	Not compliant with EU maximum levels (MLs)
Brazil	Passion fruit and dragon fruit pulp (frozen)	Sodium benzoate (E 211)	Unapproved enhancement
China	Duck eggs (preserved)	Misdeclared fat content	Product related dates, records, and information
	Sweets	Carrageenan (E 407), locust bean gum (E 410), guar gum (E 412), gellan gum (E 418)	Unapproved enhancement
Côte d'Ivoire	Palm oil	Sudan 4	Unapproved enhancement
Ecuador	Bananas (organic)	Chlorpyrifos	Organic claims
	Shrimps (chilled, cooked)	Sulfur dioxide (E 220)	Not compliant with EU MLs
Guatemala	Cardamom (organic)	2,4-D (2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid)	Organic claims
India	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Health claims	Nutrition and health claims
Indonesia	Catfish (Arius proops)	Catfish (Clarias gariepinus)	Adulteration (substitution)
	Sweets	Palm oil instead of coconut oil	Adulteration (substitution)
Iran	Apple-pomegranate (dried puree)	Ponceau 4R (E 124) / Cochineal Red A, sulfites (E 220–E 228) (undeclared)	Unapproved enhancement
Jordan	Sweets	Erythrosine (E 127)	Unapproved enhancement
Lebanon	Olive oil	Other vegetable oil	Adulteration (dilution)
Peru	Sweets	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
Philippines	Cake mix	Sunset Yellow FCF (E 110)	Not compliant with EU MLs
Türkiye	Chocolate	Tartrazine (E 102), Allura Red AC (E 129), Brilliant Blue FCF (E 133)	Undeclared enhancement
	Honey	Sugar content	Adulteration (dilution)
Uzbekistan	Spice mix	Sudan 1	Unapproved enhancement

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Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Viet Nam	Shrimps (Litopenaeus vannamei) (frozen)	Polyphosphates (E 452)	Not compliant with EU MLs
	Tea (green)	Tartrazine (E 102), brilliant blue FCF (E 133)	Unapproved enhancement

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Table 2: Unauthorised foods, ingredients, origins, and residues not compliant with maximum residue levels

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Argentina	Soyabean hull pellets	Genetically modified organism (GMO) HB4 IND-00410-5	Not authorised in EU
Brazil	Sweets	Dairy ingredients, illegal import	Smuggling
China	Bakery products	Milk and egg ingredients, illegal import	Smuggling
	Food supplements	Placing on the market without registration	Unauthorised origin
	Food supplements	Sildenafil, tadalafil, diclofenac, Coriolus versicolor, Radix isatidis (e-marketed)	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Yohimbine, yohimbine hydrochloride, yohimbine bark extract	Not authorised in EU
	Miso paste	GMO rice	Not authorised in EU
	Noodles	Illegal import	Smuggling
	Rice flour	GMOs (p35S, tNOS)	Not authorised in EU
	S-Adenosyl-L-methionine disulfate tosylate	Novel food (unauthorised)	Not authorised in EU
	Sheep casings	Semicarbazide (SEM)	Not compliant with EU MRLs
	Soft drinks	Self-heal (Prunella vulgaris)	Not authorised in EU
	Tea	Illegal import	Smuggling
	Tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus) fillets (frozen)	Crystal violet	Not compliant with EU MRLs
Colombia	Sauces (adobo and chilli)	Culantro (Eryngium foetidum), sodium bisulfite (E 222)	Not authorised in EU
Ghana	Prekese (Tetrapleura tetraptera) (dried)	Novel food (unauthorised)	Not authorised in EU
	Prekese (Tetrapleura tetraptera) (palm cream, canned)	Novel food (unauthorised)	Not authorised in EU

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India	Banana leaf extract (Lagerstroemia speciosa) (dried)	Absence of original certificate, unauthorised novel food	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements	Yohimbine, yohimbine hydrochloride, yohimbine bark extract (e-marketed)	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Yohimbine hydrochloride, Mucuna pruriens	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements (organic)	Mucuna pruriens (e-marketed)	Not authorised in EU
	Ground ginger (organic)	Chlorpyrifos, metolcarb	Residue of pesticides not approved for use in EU
	Shrimps (Litopenaeus vannamei) (frozen)	Nitrofuran (metabolite) nitrofurazone (SEM)	Not compliant with EU MRLs
	Sweets	Dairy ingredients, illegal import	Smuggling
Kazakhstan	Buckwheat	Traceability defects (missing identification code on individual packaging)	Others (implicit claim violations)
Lebanon	Spice mix	Irradiation (undeclared)	Unauthorised origin (country, operators, establishments)
Malaysia	Food supplements	Paracetamol, sildenafil, tongkat ali (Eurycoma longifolia) marketed as “honey”	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements	Sildenafil, tongkat ali (Eurycoma longifolia)	Not authorised in EU
Moldavia	Food products	Illegal transport, unauthorised operators, traceability defects (absence of labelling)	Smuggling
Thailand	Food products	Illegal import, misdeclaration of goods (plant-based products declared instead of products of animal origin)	Smuggling
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Yohimbine, yohimbine hydrochloride, yohimbine bark extract	Not authorised in EU
Türkiye	Tea	Sibutramine	Not authorised in EU

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Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Ukraine	Muscimol powder	Unauthorised novel food	Not authorised in EU
	Soft drinks	Echinacea extract	Not authorised in EU
Viet Nam	Frog legs	Nitrofuran (metabolite), florfenicol	Not compliant with EU MRLs

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