

Reports on non-compliance with EU food law and agri-food fraud: June 2024

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European Commission: June 2024 Report on EU Agri-Food Fraud suspicions

What is changing and why?

The European Commission publishes monthly overviews of foods that are not compliant with EU food law, including potentially fraudulent practices identified and reported by EU Member State authorities, based on Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed Network (RASSF) notifications among other sources. These reports help stakeholders in the agri-food sector to identify risks and adapt monitoring strategies.

The June 2024 report on EU agri-food fraud suspicions includes notifications impacting Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, India, Iran, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Serbia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Türkiye, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam.

See Tables 1-3 for details.

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

A report is issued every month.

For more information see the <u>full record</u> on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest <u>AGRINFO Update</u> newsletters and <u>search</u> the database.





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Country	Products	Issue	Classification	
Afghanistan	Dried apricots	Sulphites (E 220–E 228)	Unapproved process	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Croissants	Sorbic acid (E200)	Not compliant with EU maximum levels (MLs)	
Brazil	Açai	Amaranth (E 123), Cochineal Red A (E 124)	Unapproved process	
	Salted chicken	Water content	Adulteration (substitution)	
China	Dried kiwi	Sorbic acid (E 200)	Unapproved process	
	Miso paste	Genetically modified organism (GMO) (CrylAb/CrylAc)	Unauthorised ingredient	
India	Rice	Other rice species than declared	Adulteration (substitution)	
	Food supplements, Coleus forskohlii extract, masala powder, spices mix, tikka paste	Ethylene oxide	Unapproved process	
	Food supplements	Solanum nigrum, iron oxide, sildenafil	Unauthorised ingredient	
	Organic food supplements	Azadirachta indica		
	Snacks	Moth bean		
Malaysia	Food supplements	Sildenafil, tadalafil	Unauthorised ingredient	
	Snacks	Monosodium glutamate (E621)	Not compliant with EU MLs	
Mexico	Tequila	Butterfly pea	Unauthorised ingredient	
Morocco	Pepper puree	Sulphites (E 220–E 228)	Not compliant with EU MLs	
	Thyme	Undeclared almonds	Adulteration (substitution)	
Philippines	Cheese flavoured snacks	Allura Red AC (E 129), Sunset Yellow FCF (E 110)	Unapproved process	
	Coconut jelly	Tartrazine (E 102), Brilliant Blue FCF (E 133)		
South Africa	Monkfish	Pink cusk-eel	Adulteration (substitution)	
Thailand	Flour	Benzoyl peroxide (E 928)	Unapproved process	
	Teriyaki sauce	Sorbic acid (E 200)		
Türkiye	Dried apricots	Sulphites (E 220–228)	Not compliant with EU MLs	
	Green tea	Sibutramine	Unauthorised ingredient	
	Honey paste	Sildenafil, tadalafil		
	Pickled carrots	Sulphites (E 220–228)	Unapproved process	
Ukraine	Food supplements	Lower than declared content of selenium and copper	Adulteration (substitution)	
Vietnam	Noodles	Butterfly pea	Unauthorised ingredient	



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

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Argentina	Hake	Identification marks mismatch	Traceability defects
Bangladesh	Biscuits	Lactose and milk ingredient	Unauthorised origin
Brazil	Beef	Traceability defects	'Others'
China	Alaska pollock	Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing infringement	'Others'
	Fish oil capsules	Skipped border controls	
Colombia	Bovine hides for gelatine or collagen	Absence of identification marks	Traceability defects
Ghana	Palm oil	Falsification of origin to avoid checks	Diversion
India	Food supplement 'gluten- free'	Presence of gluten	Records and information
	Turmeric	Mismatch between consignment code and analytical report	
	Crushed chillies, peppers	Skipped border controls	'Others'
Jordan	Maize starch	Undeclared genetically modificed organisms (GMOs)	Records and information
Lebanon	'Blackberry' jam	Various labelling inconsistencies	Records and information
Namibia	Kingklip (Genypterus capensis)	Traceability defects	'Others'
Philippines	Sauces	Skipped border controls	'Others'
Thailand	Fish sauce, seasoning powder	Skipped border controls	'Others'
Ukraine	Mushrooms	Batch number mismatch	Traceability defect





Non-co	Table 3 mpliance with pesticide and veterinary medicine MRLs	
Country	Products	
Argentina	Beans	
Bangladesh	Теа	
Brazil	Limes	
China	Ginger, green tea, tea	
Colombia	Bananas	
Costa Rica	Bananas, pineapples	
Ecuador	Bananas	
Egypt	Clover seeds, grapefruits, lemons, mint, oranges, onions (organic), peppers, strawberries, tangerines	
India	Coriander, cumin (incl. seeds), drumsticks (Moringa), mangoes, peppers, rice, tea	
	Shrimps [V]	
Iran	Dried coriander	
Jordan	Peppers	
Kazakhstan	Linseed	
Kenya	Beans, green beans	
Lebanon	Vine leaves	
Morocco	Peppers	
Pakistan	Rice	
Peru	Coffee (organic), ginger (organic)	
Rwanda	Peppers	
Serbia	Potatoes	
Sri Lanka	Beans, yardlong beans, tea	
Tanzania	Bird's eye chilli peppers	
Thailand	Coriander, longans, peppers, snake fruit, spring onions	
Türkiye	Black pepper, grapefruits, lemons, nectarines, peppers, plums	
Uganda	Chillies	
Ukraine	Raspberries	
Uzbekistan	Raisins	
Vietnam	Chillies, durians, lychees, tea	
	Catfish (Clarias gariepinus), frog legs (Hoplobatrachus rugulosus) [V]	
All non-compliance	s are for pesticide residues except those marked [V] for Veterinary medicine.	

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