

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

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

European Commission: [May 2025 Report on EU Agri-Food Fraud Suspicions](#)

Update

The European Commission publishes monthly overviews of foods that are not compliant with EU food law. The May 2025 report includes notifications concerning the following 19 AGRINFO [partner countries](#): Albania, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Moldova, Morocco, Nigeria, Republic of North Macedonia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, Vietnam.

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

Beverages (alcoholic/non-alcoholic); cereals and bakery products; cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea; crustaceans and products; dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods; fish and fish products; food additives and flavourings; fruits and vegetables; herbs and spices; honey and royal jelly; meat and meat products; milk and milk products; nuts, nut products, and seeds; other food products/mixed; poultry meat and products

Latest notifications

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Albania, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Moldova, Morocco, Nigeria, Republic of North Macedonia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, Vietnam.

These notifications concern:

- product and record tampering (Table 1)
- other non-compliances (Table 2).

This report should be read in conjunction with the [May 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

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


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Table & Figures

Table 1 Product and record tampering			
Country	Products	Issue	Classification
China	Honey	Sugar profile deviation	Adulteration (ingredient dilution)
	Chicken meat preparation	Chlorate	Unapproved process (concealment, enhancement)
Georgia	Cumin powder	Ethylene oxide	Unapproved process (concealment, enhancement)
	Spice mix	Ethylene oxide	
Morocco	Apricot jam	Sunset Yellow FCF (E 110)	Unapproved process (concealment, enhancement)
Nigeria	Soft drinks	Sunset Yellow FCF (E 110)	Additives not compliant with EU maximum residue levels (MRLs)
Republic of North Macedonia	Biscuits	Sulphites	Unapproved process (concealment, enhancement)
	Tomatoes, strawberries	Falsification of origin	Record tampering
Syria	Paprika powder	Sudan 1, Sudan Red B, Sudan 4	Unapproved process (concealment, enhancement)
South Africa	Dates	Health claims	Nutrition and health claims
Thailand	Wheat flour	Chlorine (E 925), benzoyl peroxide (E 928)	Unapproved process (concealment, enhancement)
	Palm sugar	Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	Undeclared process (concealment, enhancement)
Türkiye	Soft drinks	Higher content of sugar than declared	Adulteration (ingredient addition)
	Sumac	Azorubine (E 122), Sudan Red B, Sudan 4	Unapproved process (concealment, enhancement)
	Falafel	Irradiation performed by an unauthorised operator	Unapproved process (concealment, enhancement)
	Nuts and dried fruit mix	Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	Undeclared process (concealment, enhancement)
Vietnam	Spirit drinks	Incorrectly referred as vodka (30% alcohol instead of ≥37.5%)	Record tampering
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Table 2 Other non-compliances			
Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Albania	Tuna (<i>Thunnus thynnus</i>)	Traceability defects (absence of identification mark)	Others
Bangladesh	Betel nuts	Betel nuts (<i>Areca catechu</i>)	Food, ingredient not authorised in EU
Brazil	Beef meat	Unauthorised operator	Unauthorised origin
China	Rice cakes	Genetically modified organism (GMO: CaMV 35S P; CaMV 35S T; NOS T)	Food, ingredient not authorised in EU
	Herbal infusions	<i>Clitoria ternatea</i>	
India	Black tiger shrimps (<i>Penaeus monodon</i>)	Leucomalachite Green	Residues of veterinary medicines not compliant with EU maximum residue levels (MRLs)
Indonesia	Catfish (<i>Clarias macrocephalus</i>)	Anabolic-androgenic steroids (beta-boldenone)	
Iran	Whey milk product	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin (country, operators)
Moldova	Various food products and liquids	Lack of traceability, absence of labelling	Others (implicit claim violations)
Sri Lanka	Slimming tea	Danthron (undeclared)	Food, ingredient not authorised in EU
Türkiye	Coffee drinks	Aibutramine	
	Food supplements		
	Soft drinks	Basil seeds (<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>)	
	Fruit mix powder	Reactive Red 141	
	Sesame seeds (organic)	Skipped border controls	Smuggling
Ukraine	Mushroom coffee	Muscimol	Food, ingredient not authorised in EU



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