# 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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These notifications concern:



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

This report should be read in conjunction with the May RASFF report. RASSF 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


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products, animal by-products and composite products

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## Tables & 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 (*Thunnus thynnus*) | Traceability defects (absence of identification mark) | Others |
| Bangladesh | Betel nuts | Betel nuts (*Areca catechu*) | 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 | *Clitoria ternatea* | |
| India | Black tiger shrimps (*Penaeus monodon*) | Leucomalachite Green | Residues of veterinary medicines not compliant with EU maximum residue levels (MRLs) |
| Indonesia | Catfish (*Clarias macrocephalus*) | 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 (*Ocimum basilicum*) | |
| | 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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