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

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European Commission: May 2025 Report on EU Agri-Food Fraud Suspicions

What is changing and why?

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 Commission compiles these overviews of non-compliance based on information from the EU's Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed Network (RASSF), 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 May 2025 report includes notifications involving 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 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. RASSF notifications that relate purely to consumer risk with no suspicion of fraud are not included in this report.

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.

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Timeline

These reports are issued every month.

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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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