

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

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

European Commission: [May 2026 Report on EU Agri-Food Fraud Suspicions](#)

Update

The European Commission publishes monthly overviews of foods that are not compliant with European Union (EU) food law. The May 2026 report includes notifications concerning the following 23 AGRINFO [partner countries](#): **Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, China, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Malaysia, Moldova, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of North Macedonia, Suriname, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, 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. These non-compliances are not confirmed fraud cases, but they contribute to alerting and triggering investigations by competent authorities of EU Member States.

Impacted products

Apple snail meat (*Pila polita*), apricots, ashwagandha root powder, beltfish (*Trichiurus lepturus*), cane sugar, chicken stock, composite products, fenugreek leaves, fish skin for gelatine/collagen, food supplements, guava nectar, honey, mayonnaise, meat substitute (vegan), olive oil, palm oil, pandan (*Pandanus amaryllifolius*), pangasius fillets (*Pangasianodon hypophthalmus*), pasta, sauces, seaweed preparations, sesame seeds, shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*), snacks, soft drinks, strawberries, surimi, sweets, xanthan gum.

Latest notifications

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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).

This report should be read in conjunction with [RASFF notifications in May 2026](#). 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.

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

Sources

European Commission: [May 2026 Report on EU Agri-Food Fraud Suspicions](#)

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Product and record tampering			
Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Afghanistan	Snacks	Tartrazine (E 102), Sunset Yellow FCF (E 110), Ponceau 4R/Cochineal Red A (E 124), Allura Red AC (E 129), Brilliant Blue FCF (E 133)	Unapproved enhancement
	Soft drinks	Sorbic acid (E 200-203), Sunset Yellow FCF (E 110), azorubine (E 122), Quinoline Yellow WS (E 104), E Ponceau 4R/Cochineal Red A (E 124), benzoic acid (E 210-213) (above ML)	Undeclared enhancement
China	Surimi (frozen)	<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i> instead of <i>Nemipterus</i> spp.	Adulteration (substitution)
	Snacks	Cyclamic acid and its sodium and calcium salts (E 952)	Unapproved enhancement
	Xanthan gum (E 415)	Chlorate	Unapproved enhancement
Guatemala	Cane sugar	Sulphite Ammonia Caramel (E 150d)	Unapproved enhancement
India	Food supplements	Potassium sorbate (E 202), sodium benzoate (E 211)	Unapproved enhancement
	Ashwagandha root powder (organic)	Cypermethrin, chlorpyrifos	Organic claims
Lebanon	Honey	Foreign amylase (<i>Aspergillus oryzae</i>)	Adulteration (dilution)
Malaysia	Guava nectar	Unauthorised flavouring, misdeclared sugar content	Unapproved enhancement
Nigeria	Palm oil	Sudan 4	Unapproved enhancement
Pakistan	Sauces	Sorbic acid (E 200), benzoic acid (E 210)	Not compliant with EU MLs
Philippines	Soft drinks	Brominated vegetable oil (BVO) (E 443)	Unapproved enhancement
Republic of North Macedonia	Soft drinks	Quinoline Yellow (E 104)	Undeclared enhancement
Suriname	Beltfish (<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>) (frozen)	Misdeclared fat content	Product related dates, records and information
Syria	Olive oil	Nutrition claims	Nutrition and health claims
Türkiye	Sweets (assorted)	Advertised as “chocolates”	Product related dates, records and information
Ukraine	Seaweed preparations	Potassium sorbate (E 202), sodium benzoate (E 211)	Unapproved enhancement
Uzbekistan	Apricots (dried)	Sulfur dioxide (E 220) (above ML)	Undeclared enhancement
Vietnam	Meat substitute (vegan)	Advertised as “non-GMO”, GMO-associated DNA sequences (detected)	Product-related dates, records, and information
	Pangasius fillets (<i>Pangasianodon hypophthalmus</i>) (frozen in glaze)	Water addition (W/P ratio: 10.59), misdeclared protein content	Adulteration (substitution)
	Shrimps (<i>Litopenaeus vannamei</i>) (frozen in glaze)	Water addition (W/P ratio: 7.2), misdeclared net weight	Adulteration (substitution)
ML, maximum limit; GMO, genetically modified organism.			
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Source: based on [May 2026 Report on EU Agri-Food Fraud Suspicions](#)

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

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Bangladesh	Food products	Attempt to illegally import	Smuggling
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Pasta	Egg ingredient, illegal import	Smuggling
Brazil	Food products	Milk ingredients, illegal import, beef protein extract in a product advertised as “vegan”	Smuggling
China	Food supplements	Sildenafil, health claims	Not authorised in EU
Egypt	Strawberries	Illegal import	Smuggling
India	Composite products	Traceability defects (unknown origin of dairy ingredient, invoice/consignment mismatch)	Unauthorised origin
	Blend of aromatic spices	Fenugreek leaves (<i>Trigonella foenum-graecum</i>) unauthorised novel food	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements	Monk fruit (<i>Siraitia grosvenorii</i>), cross-linked sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (E 468)	Not authorised in EU
Indonesia	Fish skin for gelatine/collagen production	Illegal import	Smuggling
Moldova	Food products	Attempt to illegally import, transport temperature, absence of labelling	Smuggling
Nigeria	Sesame seeds	Identification code mismatch between label and health certificate	Traceability defects
Thailand	Pandan (frozen)	Pandan (<i>Pandanus amaryllifolius</i>) unauthorised novel food	Not authorised in EU
Türkiye	Food supplements	Sildenafil	Not authorised in EU
	Chicken stock, mayonnaise	Illegal import	Smuggling
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Ukraine	Honey	Semicarbazide (SEM)	Not compliant with EU MRLs
Vietnam	Apple snail meat (<i>Pila polita</i>) (frozen)	<i>Pila polita</i> instead of <i>Pomacea</i>	Not authorised in EU

FCM, food contact material; MRL, maximum residue level.

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