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

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

European Commission: November 2025 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 November 2025 report includes notifications concerning the following 13 AGRINFO partner countries: **Brazil, China, Ecuador, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand, Türkiye, Venezuela, Viet Nam**.

These monthly overviews highlight ongoing and emerging risks of non-compliance and help agri-food exporters and competent authorities in non-EU countries to identify, monitor, and address risks that may affect trade.

Impacted products

Alcoholic beverages; cereals and bakery products; cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea; confectionery; crustaceans and products; dietetic foods, food supplements, and fortified foods; fish and fish products; food contact materials; fruits and vegetables; food additives and flavourings; herbs and spices; honey and royal jelly; meat and meat products (poultry, non-poultry); other food products/mixed; prepared dishes and snacks

Latest notifications

The November 2025 report includes notifications involving the following 13 AGRINFO partner countries: Brazil, China, Ecuador, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Nigeria, Pakistan, Thailand, Türkiye, Venezuela, Viet Nam.

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).

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This report should be read in conjunction with RASFF notifications for November 2025. 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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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Product and record tampering

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Brazil	Beef meat (frozen)	Suspicion of meat from treated animals	Unapproved enhancement
China	Baked goods	Gardenia Blue (E 165)	Unapproved enhancement
	Bread (frozen)	Butylated hydroxytoluene (BTH) (E 321)	Undeclared enhancement
India	Shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) (frozen)	Water addition, misdeclared net weight (glaze)	Adulteration (substitution)
Türkiye	(Dubai) chocolates	Peanuts (undeclared)	Adulteration (substitution)
	Biscuits	Sunset Yellow (E 110), azorubine (E 122)	Unapproved enhancement
	Food supplements	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	
	Lollipops		
Venezuela	Shrimps (*L. vannamei*) (frozen)	Sulphites (E 220–E 228)	Not compliant with EU MLs
Viet Nam	Pangasius fillets (*Pangasius hypophthalmus*) (frozen)	Water addition, misdeclared net weight (glaze)	Adulteration (substitution)
	Shrimps (*L. vannamei*) (frozen)	Higher content of water than declared	

MLs, Maximum limits.

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

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
China	Food supplements	Health claims	Nutrition and health claims
		Tongkat ali (*Eurycoma longifolia*)	Unauthorised food, ingredient
	Food supplements (organic)	Turkey tail (*Trametes versicolor*)	
	Lily flowers (dried)	*Lilium*	
	Mushrooms blend	*Cordyceps militaris*	
	Plastic tableware	Bamboo	Unauthorised food contact materials
		Wheat	
	Winter melon	*Benincasa hispida*	Unauthorised food
China (e-marketed)	Herbal tea	D-allulose, lion's mane mushroom (*Hericium enrinaceus*)	Unauthorised food, ingredient
	Food supplements	Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1)	
		Golden flower	
		N-acetylcysteine, glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1)	
		Nicotinamide mononucleotide (NMN)	
		Nicotinamide riboside (500 mg)	
		Nicotinamide riboside (900 mg)	
		Turkey tail (*T. versicolor*)	
		Unknown ingredients	
		Unspecified	Health claims
	Tea	*Clitoria ternatea*	Unauthorised ingredient
Ecuador	Shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) (frozen)	Victoria Blue R	Not compliant with EU MRLs
India	Food supplements	Yohimbine	Unauthorised food
	Pickles with honey	Skipped border controls	Others (implicit claim violations)
	Shrimps (*L. vannamei*) (frozen)	Nitrofuran (metabolite) furazolidone 3-amino-2-oxazolidinone (AOZ)	Not compliant with EU MRLs
	Snacks	*Parmotrema perlatum*	Unauthorised food, ingredient
Iran	Dates (organic)	Fenpyroximate	Organic claims
Kazakhstan	Vodka	Siberian red deer antler extracts (*Cervus elaphus sibiricus*)	Unauthorised food, ingredient
Moldova	Honey	Streptomycin	Not compliant with EU MRLs
	Products of animal origin, fruits, and vegetables	Attempt to illegally import	Smuggling
Nigeria	Beans (dried)	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
Pakistan	Shahi kala jeera	*Elwendia persica*	Unauthorised food, ingredient
Thailand	Mango in syrup	Higher content of sugar than declared	Product records and information
	Coffee creamer	Skipped border controls	Implicit claim violations
Türkiye	Tea	Sibutramine	Unauthorised ingredient

MRL, maximum residue level

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