Reports on non-compliance with EU food law and agri-food fraud: October 2024

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European Commission: October 2024 Report on Agri-Food Fraud Suspicions

Notifications

The European Commission publishes monthly overviews of foods that are not compliant with EU food law, including potentially fraudulent practices identified and reported by EU Member State authorities, based on Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed Network (RASFF) notifications, among other sources. These reports help stakeholders in the agri-food sector to identify risks and adapt monitoring strategies.

The October 2024 report includes notifications involving 32 AGRINFO partner countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Republic of North Macedonia, Senegal, Serbia, South Africa, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, Vietnam.

See Tables 1–3 for details.

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.

Timeline

A report is issued every month.

For more information see the full record on the AGRINFO website – where you can also view the latest AGRINFO Update newsletters and search the database.

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Table 1
Product non-compliance and tampering

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Brazil	Fruit preparations	Sodium benzoate (E 211), sodium metabisulphite (E 223), cochineal carmine (E 120)	Unapproved
	Noodles	Diphosphates (E 450), polyphosphates (E 452), sodium phosphates (E 339)	
China	Candies	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	
	Dried mangoes, sweet potato snacks	Sulfur dioxide (E 220)	Undeclared, not compliant with EU maximum levels (MLs)
	Jellies	Carrageenan (E 407), xanthan gum (E 415), locust bean gum (E 410)	Unapproved
	Snacks	Gardenia Yellow, Gardenia Blue (dyes)	
	Food supplements	Sildenafil, tadalafil	Unauthorised ingredients
		L-theanine, health claims	
Ecuador	Shrimps	Sulfur dioxide (E 220)	Not compliant with EU MLs
India	Food supplements	*Azadirachta indica*	Unauthorised foods, ingredients
	Nuts	Betel nuts	
	Food supplements, psyllium powder	Ethylene oxide	Unapproved
Indonesia	Biscuits	Tertiary-butyl hydroquinone (TBHQ) (E 319)	
	Snacks (chips)	Sunset Yellow FCF (E 110)	
Mexico	Soft drinks	Benzoic acid (E 210), brominated vegetable oil (BVO), dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate (DSS)	Unauthorised ingredients
Morocco	Prepared lemons and olives	Sodium benzoate (E 211)	Not compliant with EU MLs
Philippines	Noodles	Tartrazine (E 102)	Unapproved
Syria	Sugar-coated almonds	Erythrosin (E 127)	
Thailand	Biscuits	Sunset Yellow FCF (E 110)	
	Dried mangoes	Sulfur dioxide (E 220)	
	Teriyaki mayo sauce	Benzoic acid (E 210), sulfur dioxide (E 220)	Unapproved, undeclared
	Food supplements	*Pueraria mirifica* extract, sildenafil	Unauthorised ingredients
Türkiye	Dried apricots	Sulfur dioxide (E 220)	Not compliant with EU MLs
	Confectionery, roasted chickpeas	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved
	Food supplements	1,3-dimethylamylamine (DMAA)	Unauthorised ingredients
Vietnam	Dried cinnamon bark	Sulfur dioxide (E 220)	Unapproved
	Shrimp chips		

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Table 2 Record tampering, control, documentation, identification, origin, and traceability			
Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Belarus	Vegetable oil	Non-food-grade oil possibly diverted to food after import	Diversion
China	Crystallised ginger	Health claims	Nutrition and health claims
	Dried hog casings	Skipped border controls	Implicit claim violations
	Fish products preparation		
Russia, processed in China	Salmon (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*)	Unauthorised reefer vessel	
Paraguay	Food supplements	Health claims	Nutrition and health claim
Peru	Fish and fish products	Traceability defects (lack of container transfer certificate and means of transport mismatch)	Implicit claim violations
Türkiye	Cheese	Misleading denomination “halloumi”	EU protected designation
	Coffee drink with milk	Skipped border controls	Implicit claim violations
Vietnam	Broth	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
	Products of animal origin	Skipped border controls	
	Poultry meat products	Transport temperature and traceability defects	Implicit claim violations
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Table 3 Non-compliance with pesticide and veterinary medicine MRLs	
Country	Products*
Afghanistan	Raisins
Albania	Peppers
Bangladesh	Masala
Bolivia	Quinoa (organic)
Brazil	Limes, papayas, peanuts, soybean lecithin
Cambodia	Rice
China	Egg products, hog casings (dried) [V]
	Mushrooms (dried), tea (green, black), pepper (spices)
Colombia	Passion fruits, tamarillo
Ecuador	Calcium salt of fatty acids (feed material)
Egypt	Apricots, beans, groundnuts (organic), mangoes, salads, vine leaves
Guatemala	Sesame seeds
India	Beans (long, tuvar), calabash, chickpea (flour), cumin (powder, seeds), rice
Indonesia	Cinnamon (ground), rambutan
Iran	Raisins, pistachios
Israel	Basil, lemons
Kenya	Peas, peppers
Madagascar	Beans
Pakistan	Rice
Peru	Beans, ginger roots (organic), turmeric (organic)
Republic of North Macedonia	Grapefruits, vegetable mix (pickled)
Senegal	Hibiscus flowers (organic)
Serbia	Cucumbers
South Africa	Avocados, oranges, raisins
Thailand	Pitahayas
Türkiye	Cucumbers, grapefruits, pears, peppers, pomegranates, tomatoes, vine leaves, pistachios
Ukraine	Millet (feed materials)
	Chicken [V]
Vietnam	Catfish (*Clarias gariepinus*), shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) [V]

* All non-compliances are for pesticide residues except those marked [V] for Veterinary medicine.

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