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

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

Latest notifications

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 October 2025 report includes notifications involving the following 23 AGRINFO partner countries: Argentina, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Moldova, Nigeria, Pakistan, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, 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).

This report should be read in conjunction with RASFF notifications in October 2025. 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
Argentina	Beef meat	Frozen close to expiry, "best-before date" extended	Unapproved enhancement
China	*Cordyceps sinensis*	*Samsoniella hepiali* instead of *Cordyceps sinensis* (e-marketed)	Adulteration (substitution)
	Garlic cloves	Ethylene oxide (0.089 mg/kg)	Unapproved enhancement
	Gelatin drinks	Carrageenan (E 407)	
	Lycopene (E 160d)	Sodium erythorbate (E 316)	
	Mushrooms (dried)	Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	
	Slush ice concentrate	Glycerol (E 422) (71,800 mg/l)	
Guinea	Palm oil	Sudan 4	Unapproved enhancement
India	Corn-based snacks	Ponceau 4R/Cochineal Red A (E 124)	Unapproved enhancement
	Garam masala	Ethylene oxide	
	Nuts and seeds mix	Erythrosine (E 127)	
Indonesia	Coconut sugar (organic)	Sulfites (E 220 - E 228)	Undeclared enhancement
	Yellowfin tuna fillets (*Thunnus albacares*)	Ascorbic acid (E 300)	Not compliant with EU MLs
Pakistan	Fruit juice drinks	Benzoic acid (E 210)	Unapproved enhancement
	Soft drinks	Sorbic acid (E 200)	Not compliant with EU MLs
Serbia	Apricots (dried)	Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	Undeclared enhancement
	Raspberries	Fenpropimorph (potentially used in post-harvest treatment)	Unapproved enhancement
	Strawberries (dried)	Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	Undeclared enhancement
Sri Lanka	Instant noodles	Tertiary-butyl hydroquinone (TBHQ) (E 319)	Undeclared enhancement
	Tea (organic)	Ethylene oxide	
Thailand	Sweets	Benzoic acid (E 210)	Unapproved enhancement
Türkiye	Apricots	Sorbic acid (E 200)	Unapproved enhancement
	Crackers	Orange II	
Viet Nam	Cinnamon (ground)	Ethylene oxide	Unapproved enhancement
	Pangasius fillets (*Pangasius hypophthalmus*) (frozen)	Water addition	Adulteration (substitution)
	Shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) (frozen)	Water addition	
	Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) (frozen)	Reddening (unknown additive), water addition	Unapproved enhancement

ML: Maximum limit.

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Table 2
Unauthorised foods, ingredients, origins, and residues not compliant with MRLs

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Azerbaijan	Natural mineral water	Unauthorised operator	Unauthorised origin
Cameroon	Products of animal origin	Attempt to illegallly import, absence of labelling	Unauthorised origin
China	Food supplements	2-dimethylaminoethanol (DMAE) (e-marketed)	Not authorised in EU
		3,3'-diindolylmethane (DIM)	
		Artemisia annua	
		Cistanche deserticola	
		Cistanche tubulosa (e-marketed)	
		Epimedium (e-marketed)	
		Fadogia agrestis extract (e-marketed)	
		Hoodia gordonii (e-marketed)	
		Ligusticum chuanxiong dry root, *Atractylodis macrocephalae* dry root (e-marketed)	
		Sigra (*Xanthoparmelia scabrosa*) (e-marketed)	
Ecuador	Fishmeal	DNA (ruminant, poultry, mammal)	Not authorised in EU
Egypt	Biscuits (milk ingredients)	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
India	Food supplements	Aloe-emodin, emodin	Not authorised in EU
		Aloin	
	Shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) (frozen)	Nitrofuran (metabolite)	Not compliant with EU MRLs
	Borage oil	Label/document/identity code mismatch	Traceability defects
	Pepper products	Identification code mismatch label and health certificate	
Iran	Products of animal origin	Illegal import	Smuggling
Jordan	Biscuits (milk ingredients)	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
Lebanon	Corn flour	GMOs	Undeclared
Malaysia	Sweets	Seaweed extract	Not authorised in EU
Moldova	Honey	Metronidazole	Not compliant with EU MRLs
	Products of animal origin	Attempt to illegally import, absence of labelling	Smuggling, unauthorised origin
Nigeria	Sesame seeds	Skipped border controls	Implicit claim violations
Pakistan	Sheep casings	Nitrofuran (metabolite) nitrofurazone (semicarbazide, SEM)	Not compliant with EU MRLs

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Country	Products	Issue	Classification
Sri Lanka	Kithul treacle	Kithul treacle	Not authorised in EU
	Soy bites (curry-flavoured)	*Pandanus amaryllifolius* extract	
Syria	Apricot jam	Incorrect denomination "marmalade"	Product records and information
Thailand	Blackcurrant-flavoured drink	Misleading picturing (blackcurrant fruits)	Product records and information
	Papayas	GMO (p35S, tNOS)	Not authorised in EU
	Pork meat	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
	Rice cake with pork	Attempt to illegally import	
Türkiye	Chocolate-coated berries	Skipped border controls	Implicit claim violations
	Food supplements	Absence of marketing authorisation, health claims	
	Herbal teas	Danthron	Not authorised in EU
	Honeycomb	Sulfadimidine, trimethoprim, sulfadiazine, sulfamethoxazole	Not compliant with EU MRLs
	Seasoning paste	Myrobalan, frankincense resin	Not authorised in EU
Ukraine	Meat and meat products (other than poultry)	Unregistered operators, skipped border controls	Smuggling
	Soybean oil	Non-food grade oil diverted to feed (after import)	Diversion
	Tea concentrate	Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)	Not authorised in EU
Viet Nam	Shrimps (*Litopenaeus vannamei*) (frozen)	Net weight lower than declared	Quantity (net, gross, weight, volume)
	Pangasius fillets (*Pangasius hypophthalmus*) (frozen)		

FCM: food contact material; GMO, genetically modified organism; MRL: maximum residue level

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