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

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

European Commission: September 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 September 2025 report includes notifications concerning the following 16 AGRINFO partner countries: **China, Colombia, India, Iran, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Moldova, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, 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.

Impacted products

Alcoholic beverages, biscuits, cereals and bakery products, cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea, confectionery, crustaceans and products, dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods, eggs and egg products, fats and oils, fish and fish products, food contact materials, fruits and vegetables, herbs and spices, kitchenware, milk and milk products, non-alcoholic beverages, nuts, nut products, and seeds, other food products/mixed, prepared dishes and snacks, wine

Latest notifications

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China, Colombia, India, Iran, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Moldova, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, Vietnam.

These notifications concern:

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- product and record tampering (Table 1)
- unauthorised foods, ingredients, origins, and residues not compliant with maximum residue levels (MRLs) (Table 2).

This report should be read in conjunction with the September RASFF report. 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.

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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

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Table 1
Product non-compliance and record tampering

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
China	Shiitake mushrooms	Health claims	Nutrition and health claims
	Sweets	Brilliant Blue FCF (E 133), tartrazine (E 102), Allura Red AC (E 129)	Not compliant with EU maximum levels
	Waxberries	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
Colombia	Sweets	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
Lebanon	Extra virgin olive oil	Other vegetable oil	Adulteration (dilution)
Pakistan	Crackers	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
South Africa	Wine	Benzalkonium chloride (BAC)	Unapproved enhancement
Syria	Almonds (coated)	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
Thailand	Sweets	Sodium benzoate (E 221)	Unapproved enhancement
	Palm sugar	Sulphites (E 220–228)	Undeclared enhancement
		Sulphur dioxide (E 220)	
	Rice (organic)	Health claims	Nutrition and health claims
	Soft drinks (peach-flavoured)	Misleading picturing	Product related dates, records and information
Türkiye	Vegetable oil spray	Carnauba wax (E 903)	Unapproved enhancement
	(Dubai) chocolates	Tartrazine (E 102)	Undeclared enhancement
Ukraine	Biscuits	Natamycin (E 235)	Unapproved enhancement
	Eggs	Absence of identification marks	Traceability defects
Vietnam	Pangasius fillets (*Pangasius hypophthalmus*) (frozen)	Water addition	Adulteration (substitution)
	Spirit drinks	Misleading denomination “vodka”	Product related dates, records and information
	Sweets	Titanium dioxide (E 171), carrageenan (E 407), xanthan gum (E 415), konjac (E 425)	Unapproved enhancement
	Sweets	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	
	Tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) (frozen)	Indications of reddening and water addition, salt content	

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

Country	Products	Issue	Classification
China	Biscuits (with milk ingredients)	Attempt to illegally import	Unauthorised origin
	Coconut drinks (with milk ingredients)		
	Food supplements	Body protective compound-157 (synthetic peptides)	Unauthorised ingredient
		Ganoderma lucidum, *Cordyceps*	Unauthorised food
	Instant tea (with milk ingredients)	Attempt to illegally import	Unauthorised origin
	Kitchenware	Imported without pre-notification or import controls	Skipped border controls
	Paprika	Irradiation	Unauthorised origin (operators)
	Rice cakes	Genetically modified organism (P 35-S)	Unauthorised food
	Tea powder	Missing import controls	Skipped border controls
India	Kitchenware	Rice husks	Food contact materials, unauthorised additives
	Shrimps (*Litopenaus vannamei*)	Nitrofuran (metabolite) furazolidone (3-amino-2-oxazolidinone, AOZ), nitrofurazone (semicarbazide, SEM)	Residues of veterinary medicines not compliant with EU MRLs
Iran	Chocolates (with milk and egg ingredients)	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
	Dairy products		
Jordan	Biscuits (with milk ingredients)	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
Kosovo	Chips (with milk ingredients)	Illegal import	Unauthorised origin
Moldova	Products of animal and plant origin	Attempt to skip border controls, absence of labelling	Unauthorised origin
Pakistan	Food supplements	Hibiscus powder (*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*)	Unauthorised food
South Africa	Food supplements	*Sceletium tortuosum* extract	Unauthorised food
Sri Lanka	Products of animal origin	Attempt to illegally import (concealed within plant-based products, misrepresented as non-animal origin)	Smuggling
Thailand	Tea	Mulberry leaves	Unauthorised food/ingredient
Türkiye	Various food products	Sibutramine, sildenafil	Unauthorised ingredient
Ukraine	Eggs	Nitrofuran (metabolite) furazolidone (AOZ)	Residues of veterinary medicines not compliant with EU MRLs
	Sweets	Muscimol	Unauthorised ingredient
	Milk	Triclabendazole	Residues of veterinary medicines not compliant with EU MRLs
Vietnam	Pangasius (*Pangasius hypophthalmus*)	Nitrofuran (metabolite) furazolidone (AOZ)	Residues of veterinary medicines not compliant with EU MRLs

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