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

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15 AGRINFO partner countries were included in the September overview of foods that do not comply with EU food law

European Commission: September 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 September 2026 report includes notifications concerning the following 15 AGRINFO partner countries: Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, India, Lebanon, Namibia, Nigeria, Syria, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, Viet Nam.

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

Avocado oil, bananas (organic), biscuits, bread mix (gluten-free), Cape hake (Merluccius paradoxus), chicken and pork products, composite products, cumin seeds, eggs, olive oil, food products, food supplements, ghee (cow), halva, herbal mix, honey, honey mustard sauce, instant powder mix for desserts, kitchenware, meat and meat products (other than poultry), tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus), noodles, palm oil, pangasius fillets (Pangasianodon hypophthalmus), prekese (Tetrapleura tetraptera), rice cakes, rice sticks, shrimp tails (Litopenaeus vannamei), snacks, soft drinks, spice mix, sweets, tea, yellowfin tuna (Thunnus albacares)

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 September 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.

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

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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

Regulation 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing entry into the EU of certain goods from third countries

Sources

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Table 1: Product and record tampering

Origin	Products	Issue	Classification
Afghanistan	Snacks	Tartrazine (E 102)	Undeclared enhancement
China	Food supplements	Health claims (e-marketed)	Nutrition and health claims
	Honey	Foreign alpha-amylases (Bacillus amyloliquefaciens , Aspergillus oryzae)	Adulteration (dilution)
	Sweets	Titanium dioxide (E 171)	Unapproved enhancement
	Tea	Cetrimonium chloride (3 notifications)	Unapproved enhancement
	Tilapia (Oreochromis niloticus) (glazed and deep-frozen)	Misdeclared net weight (weight stated as a range: 400–640 g)	Quantity (net, gross, weight, volume)
Ecuador	Shrimp tails (Litopenaeus vannamei) (frozen)	Sulphites (E 200–E 228)	Not compliant with EU maximum levels
India	Cumin seeds	Ethylene oxide	Unapproved enhancement
Lebanon	Extra virgin olive oil	Lampante oil	Product-related dates, records, and information
Nigeria	Palm oil	Sudan 4	Unapproved enhancement
Syria	Halva	Erythrosine (E 127)	Unapproved enhancement
	Instant powder mix for dessert	Allura Red AC (E 129), tartrazine (E 102) (undeclared)	Unapproved enhancement
Türkiye	Avocado oil	Self-evident claim “GMO-free”, traceability defects	Product attribute claims
Ukraine	Avocado oil (e-marketed)	Fraudulent use of another operator identification, traceability defects	Intellectual property rights
	Eggs	Eggs’ condition not consistent with their labelled quality grade	Product attribute claims
	Honey	Foreign alpha-amylase (Aspergillus oryzae)	Adulteration (dilution)

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Origin	Products	Issue	Classification
Viet Nam	Pangasius fillets (Pangasianodon hypophthalmus) (frozen)	Irradiation (undeclared) (4 notifications)	Unapproved enhancement
	Yellowfin tuna (Thunnus albacares) (frozen)	Sodium nitrite (E 250) (2 notifications)	Unapproved enhancement

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

Origin	Products	Issue	Classification
Brazil	Bread mix (gluten-free)	Milk ingredient, attempt to import illegally	Smuggling
China	Biscuits	Milk ingredient, illegal import	Smuggling
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Ibutamoren	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Kava kava (Piper methysticum)	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Pancreatin	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Yohimbine hydrochloride	Not authorised in EU
	Kitchenware	Bamboo fibres	Food contact materials – additives not authorised in EU
	Meat and products (other than poultry), composite products	Attempt to import illegally	Smuggling
	Nile tilapia fillets (Oreochromis niloticus) (frozen)	Crystal Violet	Not compliant with EU MRLs (veterinary medicinal residues)
	Noodles	Label vs documentation mismatch	Other (implicit claim violations)
	Rice cakes, rice sticks	GMO (p35S, tNOS, Cry1Ab/Ac) (3 notifications)	Not authorised in EU
	Tea	Attempt to import illegally	Smuggling
Ecuador	Bananas (organic)	Chlorpyrifos	Residue of pesticide(s) not approved for use in EU
Egypt	Honey mustard sauce	Honey, illegal import	Smuggling
Ghana	Prekese (Tetrapleura tetraptera) (dried)	Not authorised for use as food in the EU	Not authorised in EU
India	Calcium saccharate	Unauthorised additive	Not authorised in EU
	Food supplements (e-marketed)	Pancreatin, kava kava (Piper methysticum), Mucuna pruriens	Not authorised in EU
	Ghee (cow)	Illegal import	Smuggling

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Lebanon	Spice mix	Unauthorised operator, irradiation (undeclared)	Unauthorised origin
Namibia	Cape hake (Merluccius paradoxus) (frozen)	Transport temperature (up to –11°C)	Others (poor temperature control)
Thailand	Chicken and pork products	Illegal import	Smuggling
Ukraine	Herbal mix	Angelica archangelica, Potentilla erecta, Viburnum opulus, Cornus mas, Hierochloe odorata, Carlina acaulis, Tilia spp., Rhodiola rosea, Eleutherococcus senticosus, Acorus calamus	Not authorised in EU
Viet Nam	Soft drinks	Basil seeds	Not authorised in EU

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