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

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European Commission: September 2026 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 September 2026 report includes notifications involving the following 15 AGRINFO partner countries: Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, India, Lebanon, Namibia, Nigeria, 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).

The European Commission compiles these overviews of non-compliance based on information from the EU's Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed Network (RASFF), 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 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.

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.

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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

These reports are issued every month.

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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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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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Origin	Products	Issue	Classification
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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