

Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud and Adulteration

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Food Fraud Cases




A case of food fraud has been reported in Belgium, where the Carrefour The Market brand of "Curry Thai" noodles was found to have incorrect labelling. The product's label did not indicate the presence of wheat and crustaceans, which are allergens that can pose a risk to consumers with allergies, a type of food fraud that can have serious consequences for consumer health.

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-  Belgique
-  Other food products/
mixed
-  Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding





The Brazilian government has taken action to confiscate the adulterated rice, which weighed 10 500 kg, and is likely to take further measures to prevent similar incidents in the future. The incident involved the substitution of inferior quality rice with a label indicating that it was of a superior type.

06/11/2024 [Globo](#)

-  Brazil
-  Cereals and bakery
products
-  Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A significant quantity of seafood has been seized in Italy due to illegal importation from Senegal and Indi. The seizure, which weighed 70 tonnes, highlights the issue of grey market activities in the seafood industry, where products are imported and sold without proper documentation or compliance with regulatory requirements

06/11/2024 [LA NAZIONE](#)

-  India
-  Italy
-  Senegal
-  Fish and fish products
-  Document forgery




A meat company in Mallorca, Spain has been involved in a food fraud scandal, where they allegedly sold expired meat products. The company's administrators have been sentenced to prison for a public health offence, and the case is currently being tried in court. The incident involves the sale of expired meat products, which can have serious consequences for consumer health.

06/11/2024 [eurocarne](#)

-  Spain
-  Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
-  Poultry meat and poultry
meat products
-  Document forgery

The Brazilian police have shut down a warehouse in Rio de Janeiro that was producing counterfeit olive oil, in a crackdown on food fraud in the country.

07/11/2024 [Sgencia Brasil](#)

-  Brazil
-  Fats and oils
-  Counterfeit





The Colombian police have arrested two people in Baranquilla for producing and distributing adulterated liquor, and seized over 4700 bottles of adulterated liquor that were ready to be sold.

07/11/2024 [El Herald](#)

-  Colombia
-  Alcoholic beverages
-  Adulteration/ Product tampering

The Liguria Coast Guard has intercepted a tonne of Russian omul fish, which was imported without the necessary sanitary authorisations.

08/11/2024 [vconews](#)

-  Italy
-  Russia
-  Fish and fish products
-  Document forgery




The Guardia di Finanza (Fiamme Gialle) has carried out an operation in Imola, Italy, and has seized over 1 tonne of food products that do not comply with European standards. The operation was conducted with the aim of protecting public health and preventing food fraud.

08/11/2024 [sassuolo2000](#)

-  Italy
-  Other food products/ mixed
-  Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding



Philippine authorities have seized approximately €83 000 worth of counterfeit milk intended for senior citizens and diabetics in Rizal province.

08/11/2024 [Gmanetwork](#)

-  Philippines
-  Milk and milk products
-  Counterfeit





Kenyan police have arrested three people and seized a significant quantity of counterfeit liquor in Machakos County. The operation was carried out as part of efforts to combat the production and distribution of counterfeit food products in the country.

09/11/2024 [kbc](#)

-  Kenya
-  Alcoholic beverages
-  Counterfeit

The Portuguese National Republican Guard (GNR) has carried out an operation against illegal livestock farming and has seized over 16 000 animals in more than 300 inspections.

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-  Portugal
-  Live animals
-  Document forgery
-  Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding



The Kenyan government has seized 15 000 kg of contaminated rice in the Embakasi neighborhood of Nairobi. The rice had been stored in warehouses since May and is believed to have been intended for sale in local markets.

10/11/2024 [togolais](#)

-  Kenya
-  Cereals and bakery products
-  Counterfeit




The National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (ANMAT) of Argentina has banned the sale of several counterfeit olive oils that imitate the packaging of well-known brands. The counterfeit products have been detected in several provinces of the country and are believed to be harmful to the health of consumers.

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-  Argentina
-  Fats and oils
-  Counterfeit

The South African government has launched a crackdown on illegal honey and liquor products, with a focus on removing mislabelled and adulterated products from store shelves. The operation has resulted in the seizure of honey and other products.

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 South Africa
 Alcoholic beverages
Honey and royal jelly
 Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding


Costco forced to recall tonnes of butter over missing milk allergen warning.

11/11/2024 [dailystar](#)

 United States
 Milk and milk products
 Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding




The police in Espírito Santo, Brazil, have seized 8,000 liters of adulterated olive oil. The oil was found to be of poor quality and was being sold under a fake brand name.

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 Brazil
 Fats and oils
 Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding




The Food Safety Authority of Ireland has taken action to protect consumers from potentially hazardous fish products. The company in question has been prohibited from distributing fish products until further notice.

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 Ireland
 Fish and fish products
 Document forgery

In South Africa, a food counterfeiting ring has been uncovered, involving the production and sale of counterfeit pilchards (sardines) bearing the "Lucky Star" brand. The police in Johannesburg have seized printing equipment used to alter the expiry dates of food products. The company owning the "Lucky Star" brand has distanced itself from the counterfeit products and announced that it is investigating the incident and working with authorities to prevent the sale of counterfeit goods.

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 South Africa
 Fish and fish products
 Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Counterfeiting
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Hong Kong Customs has seized approximately 1 300 kilograms of smuggled food, including frozen meat and seafood. The seizure was made as part of an ongoing operation against food smuggling, codenamed "Ice Breaker".

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 Hong Kong
 Fish and fish products
Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
 Grey market

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has carried out an operation to tackle suspected food fraud, resulting in one arrest. The operation was part of a larger effort to protect consumers from fraudulent food activities.

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 United Kingdom
 Live animals
 Counterfeit

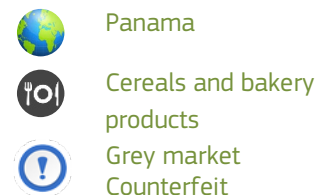
An investigation has found that adulterated food was served at a shelter home in Bihar, India, which may have contributed to the deaths of several residents. The incident has led to the suspension of 13 officials and an investigation into the matter..

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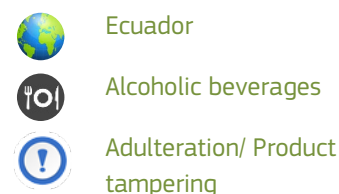
Seized counterfeit imports from China. Panama's rice industry urges stronger action against contraband and product counterfeiting.

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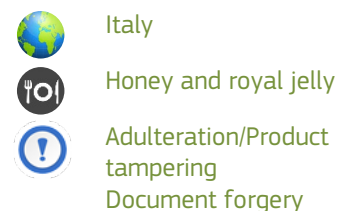
A warehouse in Quito, Ecuador, has been closed down by authorities after it was found to be distributing adulterated alcohol to bars and shops. The adulterated alcohol was being sold as legitimate products, putting consumers' health at risk. The operation resulted in the seizure of a significant amount of adulterated alcohol, including over 2,000 liters, 600 filled bottles, and equipment used for distillation and packaging.

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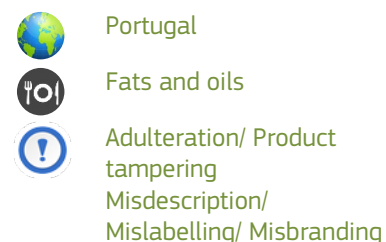
The Carabinieri del Nucleo Antisofisticazioni e Sanità (NAS) of Latina, Italy, have conducted an operation to ensure food safety in the province of Latina, resulting in the seizure of approximately 5 130 kilograms of honey and the suspension of an apiary company. The company was found to have significant hygiene and structural deficiencies, and the honey was being sold without proper documentation or guarantees of safety for consumers.

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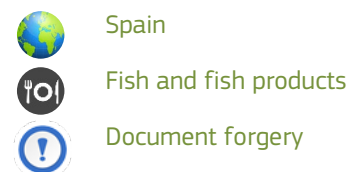
The Portuguese Food and Economic Security Authority (ASAE) has dismantled a fraud ring that was selling adulterated edible oil as olive oil. The operation resulted in the seizure of 13,650 litres of adulterated oil, with an estimated value of over €82,000. The ASAE's actions have prevented the sale of counterfeit products to unsuspecting consumers, ensuring the integrity of the food supply chain.

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The Guardia Civil has seized 2 tons of immature anchovy in San Pedro, Spain, as part of an operation to combat illegal fishing and food fraud.

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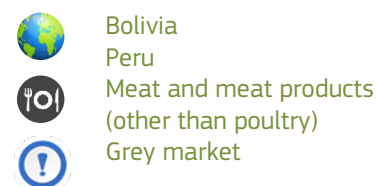
The President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, has vowed to shut down shops linked to the deaths of 22 children due to food poisoning. The incident occurred in the Northern Cape province, where several children died after consuming food from a spaza shop.

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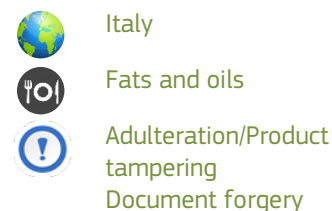
Bolivian authorities have seized 18 000 kilograms of pork meat, destined for Peru, as part of an operation to combat contraband. The meat was being transported in two vehicles and was intercepted by the Comando Estratégico Operacional de Lucha Contra el Contrabando (CEO-LCC).

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Italian authorities have carried out a series of operations in Sicily, resulting in the seizure of olive oil products and the closure of a bottling plant. In Messina, 800 litres of olive oil products were seized due to lack of traceability and unclear origin, while in the province of Ragusa, a bottling plant was closed due to lack of authorisations and poor hygiene and sanitation conditions. At the plant, 1 825 litres of extra virgin olive oil destined for sale were also seized, again due to lack of proper traceability..

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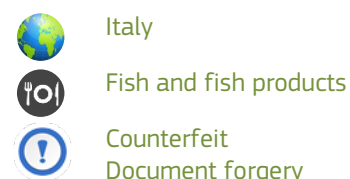
Operation Calypso: 12 tonnes of fish seized across Sicily, €150 000 in fines, one restaurant closed and 2 people charged.

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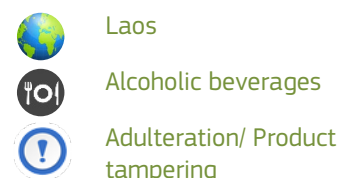
The Italian Coast Guard has seized 42 tonnes of seafood products in Venice, Italy, due to non-compliance with food safety regulations. The seizure was made during a series of controls and inspections, which also resulted in fines being issued to several restaurants and food establishments.

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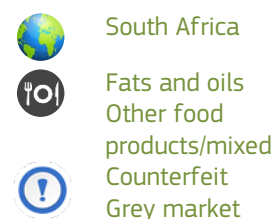
Five tourists die in Laos after allegedly consuming alcohol adulterated with methanol.

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The police raid on the warehouse in Bluff, Durban, uncovered a large quantity of expired food items, including meat, dairy products, and other perishable goods. The warehouse was also found to be storing and selling counterfeit clothing and other goods. The police investigation is ongoing, and it is not yet clear how long the warehouse had been operating or how many people were involved in the illicit activities.

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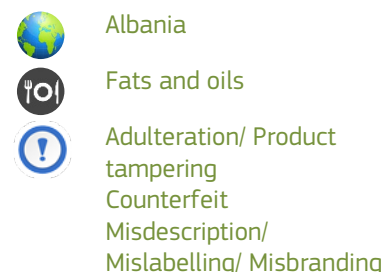
A significant quantity of contraband liquor and canned food was seized by the authorities in Costa Rica. The seizure consisted of 82 000 units of liquor and canned food, which were found to be smuggled into the country.

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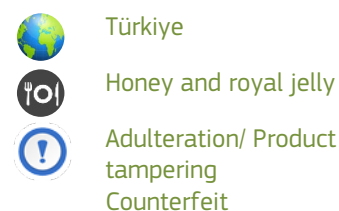
A father and son in Berat, Albania, have been accused of committing food fraud by mixing different oils with unknown products and selling them as organic olive oil through social media. The authorities seized approximately 3 000 liters of unspecified oil, 1 000 liters of suspected peanut oil.

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A major honey fraud operation was uncovered in Türkiye, resulting in the seizure 8 150 tonnes of adulterated honey products. The operation, which was carried out by the Turkish authorities, aimed to crack down on the production and sale of counterfeit and adulterated honey.

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The South African government has launched a crackdown on illegal honey and liquor products, with a focus on removing mislabelled and adulterated products from store shelves. The operation has resulted in the seizure of honey and other products.

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 South Africa
 Alcoholic beverages
Honey and royal jelly
 Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A large quantity of rice, intended for public distribution, was seized in Andhra Pradesh, India, as it was being smuggled out of the country. The rice, weighing approximately 64 000 tonnes, was being shipped to West Africa. The authorities intervened and seized the rice, which was valued at a significant amount.

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 India
 Cereals and bakery products
 Grey market

Over 3 tonnes of expired and falsely labelled food seized in Manaus operation.

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 Brazil
 Other food products/
mixed
 Counterfeit

A man was arrested and thousands of wild birds' eggs were seized in Benfleet, Essex, UK. The eggs were found to be from protected species, and the man is suspected of violating wildlife laws.

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 United Kingdom
 Eggs and egg products
 Grey market


A significant quantity of contraband alcohol and Indian hemp was seized in Burkina Faso. The seizure included over 5 000 litres of illicit alcohol and 90 kg of Indian hemp.

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 Burkina Faso
 Alcoholic beverages
 Grey market

A significant quantity of suspect and expired food products was seized by the Guardia di Finanza in Ferrara, Italy. The seizure included approximately 45 000 food products, including potatoes, sauces, dried meat, sausages, sugary drinks, pasta, oils, and sugar. Additionally, 2 300 bottles of alcohol without state stamps were also seized.

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 Italy
 Alcoholic beverages
Food
 Adulteration/Product tampering
Grey market
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Colombian authorities destroyed 5 tonnes of contraband liquor and over 3000 cigarettes in Risaralda, highlighting the issue of smuggling and grey market activities in the region.

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 Colombia
 Alcoholic beverages
 Grey market

The government of Andhra Pradesh has launched a crackdown on rice smuggling, seizing a cargo ship, the Stella L Panama, at Kakinada port with 38 000 tonnes of rice on board. The ship was bound for West Africa, but was found to be carrying subsidized rice meant for the poor in Andhra Pradesh.

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 India
 Cereals and bakery products
 Counterfeit

In Panama, authorities have uncovered multiple incidents involving counterfeit and smuggled rice. The National Customs Authority seized over 14 500 kg of rice suspected to be of Chinese origin. This rice was falsely branded under local labels, affecting legitimate brand owners. The incidents have prompted local producers to demand measures against the distribution of

 China
Panama
 Cereals and bakery products

counterfeit rice. Operations, such as "Operation Dragon," have been launched to tackle these illegal activities. The incidents highlight significant concerns regarding food fraud and the integrity of the local rice market.

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Authorities in Thrissur, Kerala, seized 2 600 litres of spirit that was illegally concealed within grape boxes. This operation highlights ongoing efforts to combat the smuggling of alcoholic beverages, which poses significant challenges to legal trade and regulatory enforcement. The concealed transport of spirit in this manner underscores the lengths to which individuals will go to bypass legal channels.

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Assam Rifles seized 50 000 areca nuts in Assam, India, foiling a smuggling attempt and highlighting the issue of grey market activities in the nut trade.

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Authorities in Alicante, Spain, seized approximately 40 tonnes of expired and deteriorated food products, including meat and burgers, from two companies in Sant Vicent and San Isidro. The seized products had been stored for up to two years beyond their expiration dates.

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A devastating incident has occurred in Istanbul, Turkey, where 37 people have lost their lives after consuming adulterated alcohol. The victims are believed to have drunk bootlegged liquor that was contaminated with methanol, a toxic substance that can cause serious health problems.

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In the UK, five individuals have been arrested in connection with an illegal meat operation uncovered by the Food Standards Agency's National Food Crime Unit. Authorities seized nearly 50 sheep carcasses being transported in unrefrigerated vans, posing significant health and safety risks. This investigation highlights serious breaches in food safety regulations and emphasises the need for stringent controls to prevent the distribution of unsafe meat products.

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The Argentine National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (ANMAT) warned about the existence of counterfeit units of extra virgin olive oil from various brands, which has led to a demand for the urgent removal of these products from supermarkets due to issues with quality and authenticity.

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In Brazil, the Public Ministry of Minas Gerais (MPMG) has charged two companies and 22 individuals involved in a scheme selling meat unfit for consumption in the city of Formiga. This operation uncovered the distribution of meat products that were improperly handled and

 Counterfeit
Document forgery
Misdescription/
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 India
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 Nuts, nut products and
seeds
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stored, posing significant health risks to consumers. The investigation highlights concerns over food safety and regulatory compliance within the meat industry.

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A person in Fermo, Italy, was fined for transporting illegal fish, highlighting the issue of illicit trafficking and grey market activities in the seafood industry.

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A court in Spain has sentenced three individuals and a company in Alicante for selling falsified saffron from La Mancha, a protected designation of origin (PDO) product. The company was found to have used false labels and documentation to pass off non-PDO saffron as authentic La Mancha saffron, deceiving consumers and violating food labeling regulations. The sentencing is seen as a victory for the saffron industry and a deterrent against food fraud.

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Italian authorities have seized assets worth over 1 million euros from a frozen fish company based in Caserta, as part of an investigation into potential bankruptcy and food fraud, highlighting the need for increased vigilance in the seafood industry.

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Authorities in Reggio Calabria, Italy, have shut down a store, dubbed the "shop of horrors," after discovering that it was storing spoiled fruits and vegetables in unsanitary conditions, alongside makeshift beds for illegal workers. The operation led to the seizure of 20 quintals of perished goods, raising significant public health concerns. This incident underscores the importance of ensuring food safety standards and highlights the risks posed by unsanitary storage and handling practices in the food supply chain.

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A quantity of 5 000 litres of oil and approximately 1 200 kg of sugar, intended for smuggling into Peru, was seized in Bolivia, constituting a case of smuggling, a type of Grey market.

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In Italy, authorities conducted a major operation resulting in the seizure of 263 tonnes of seeds, including tomato and chilli seeds, falsely marketed as prestigious Italian varieties such as San Marzano and Calabrese chilli. These seeds, imported from China, were being misrepresented and sold as Italian products in regions including Piacenza and Turin. The operation highlights significant issues of food fraud involving counterfeit seeds, threatening the authenticity of Italian agricultural products and misleading consumers..

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In Uttar Pradesh, a significant food fraud incident was uncovered involving the production of 500 litres of adulterated milk using only 1 litre of chemicals. This fraudulent activity had reportedly been ongoing for 20 years, with the adulterated milk posing severe health risks due to its chemical content. Authorities seized the milk and arrested the businessman responsible for this operation.

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The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) has seized over 700 ducks and eggs from a farm in Wicklow, as part of an investigation into alleged animal welfare and food safety concerns.



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Italy



Fish and fish products



Grey market



Spain



Herbs and spices



Counterfeit
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Italy



Fish and fish products



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Italy



Fruits and vegetables



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Bolivia



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Grey market



China



Italy



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India



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Ireland



Eggs and egg products

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The authorities have seized 5 000 kg of pork meat that were being transported in barges with the intention of smuggling them into Peru.

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An operation by the Brazilian authorities, known as "Operação Leite Compensado", has led to the arrest of several individuals accused of adulterating milk with caustic soda and hydrogen peroxide. The investigation has been ongoing for over a decade, and the suspects are accused of producing and selling adulterated milk products. The operation has resulted in the seizure of large quantities of adulterated milk and the arrest of several individuals, including a man known as the "alquimista" (alchemist).

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The Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS) flagged a consignment of 2 000 tonnes of rice for failing aflatoxin tests. Despite initial reports, KEBS later denied that contaminated rice had flooded the Kenyan market. This situation underscores the challenges in monitoring food quality and the importance of rigorous testing to prevent health hazards.

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Authorities in Bolivia have seized four trucks carrying large quantities of contraband goods, including 12 000 litres of oil, 10 tonnes of sugar, 5 tonnes of flour, and 2 tonnes of pasta. The trucks were intercepted in a operation carried out by the Bolivian customs agency and the police.

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The Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply has seized a large quantity of rice with adulterated packaging in the state of São Paulo. The operation resulted in the confiscation of 1 875 tonnes of rice, which is equivalent to approximately 75 000 bags of 25kg each.

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A police operation in São Paulo, Brazil, has resulted in the seizure of 10 000 litres of adulterated olive oil. The oil, which was being sold to bars and restaurants, was found to be of poor quality and did not meet the required standards.

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Greek authorities have arrested 17 individuals in a nationwide operation aimed at combating the production and distribution of adulterated alcohol. The operation, which was carried out by the Greek police and customs authorities, targeted individuals and businesses suspected of producing and selling counterfeit or tampered-with spirits.

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A large quantity of adulterated milk has been wasted in Pakistan after being seized by the authorities. The milk, which was found to be contaminated with harmful substances, was destroyed to prevent it from being sold to consumers. A total of 10 000 litres of adulterated

Poultry meat and poultry meat products
Grey market



Bolivia



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)
Grey market



Brazil



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Kenya



Cereals and bakery products



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Bolivia



Cereals and bakery products



Fats and oils

Other food products/ mixed

Counterfeit



Brazil



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Brazil



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Greece



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Pakistan



Milk and milk products



milk was seized and wasted.

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Austrian supermarket chain Spar has launched an investigation into the authenticity of honey products after discovering that around 20 tonnes of honey may be counterfeit or adulterated. The investigation aims to ensure the quality and safety of honey products sold in Spar stores.

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Authorities in Italy have seized 180 quintals of olive oil that was fraudulently marketed as extra virgin and organic. The product was actually lampante oil, which is not suitable for consumption without refining. The operation spanned across the regions of Calabria and Apulia (Puglia), highlighting significant issues of food fraud involving mislabelling and the potential health risks associated with consuming improperly labelled food products. The Guardia di Finanza carried out the seizure as part of their ongoing efforts to combat food fraud in the region.

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Finnish authorities are investigating cases of meat smuggling, with approximately 10 000 kg of meat being smuggled into the country from Estonia and Latvia. The smuggling operations are believed to be part of a larger organized crime network, and authorities are working to identify those responsible and prevent future incidents.

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Spanish authorities have detained around 20 individuals and seized contaminated seafood as part of a crackdown on illegal fishing activities and the sale of contaminated seafood products. The incident highlights the ongoing efforts to combat food fraud and protect public health in the region.

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A number of foreign tourists have died in Laos due to methanol poisoning, which is believed to have been caused by the consumption of adulterated alcoholic beverages. The incident highlights the risks associated with counterfeit or adulterated food and drink products, particularly in tourist areas.

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Spanish authorities have discovered a clandestine meat processing operation in a garage in Zamora, where approximately 550 kg of meat products, including hamburgers, were being processed and prepared for sale to the public without proper traceability or regulatory compliance. The operation was shut down, and the meat products were seized to prevent their sale and consumption.

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In Côte d'Ivoire, it has been reported that over 4 000 tonnes of cocoa are being diverted

	Adulteration/ Product tampering
	Austria
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	Finland
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	Grey market
	Spain
	Fish and fish products
	Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding
	Laos
	Alcoholic beverages
	Adulteration/ Product tampering Counterfeit
	Spain
	Meat and meat products (other than poultry)
	Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding
	Côte d'Ivoire

illegally each week to neighbouring countries Guinea and Liberia. This issue has sparked alarm among cocoa producer unions, highlighting the significant impact on the local economy and the challenges it poses to legal trade practices. The large-scale smuggling operation undermines the integrity of the cocoa supply chain and affects the livelihoods of local farmers who rely on this crucial export crop.

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The Italian Coast Guard has conducted a nationwide operation, called "e-Fishing", to combat illegal fishing and protect the fishery industry. The operation has resulted in the seizure of large quantities of fish and seafood products, as well as the imposition of fines and sanctions on those found to be involved in illegal activities.

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Greek authorities have seized more than 25 tonnes of spoiled meat in Athens. This significant operation is part of ongoing efforts to protect public health by ensuring that food products meet safety standards. The seized meat, deemed unfit for consumption, highlights the critical importance of regulatory oversight and the need for vigilance in preventing adulterated or unsafe food products from reaching consumers.

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The Portuguese Food and Economic Safety Authority (ASAE) has launched over 60 proceedings and seized 11 tonnes of food products, as part of its efforts to combat food fraud and ensure consumer safety.

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The Italian Coast Guard has seized 15 tonnes of untraced seafood products in Castellammare, as part of a crackdown on food safety and traceability, with a fine of €3 000 also being imposed

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The Italian Coast Guard has seized over one tonne of untraced seafood in the Naples area, specifically in Castellammare, due to lack of traceability and non-compliance with food safety regulations.

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The Italian Coast Guard has seized 170 kg of untraced seafood products in Castellammare, as part of a crackdown on food safety and traceability, amid concerns over the presence of "pesce fantasma".

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Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea



Grey market



Italy



Bivalve molluscs and products thereof
Cephalopods and products thereof
Crustaceans and products thereof



Fish and fish products
Grey market



Greece



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Adulteration/ Product tampering



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Italy



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