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Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud and Adulteration

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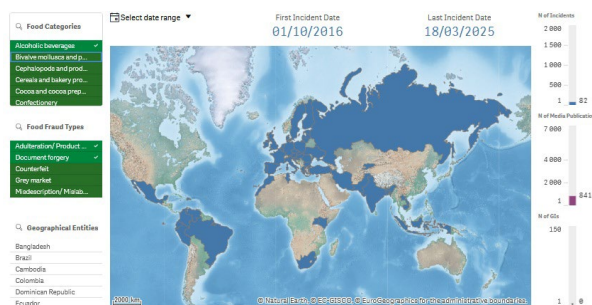
Food fraud incidents application released

The new interactive application allows detailed analysis of past food fraud incidents and will support early detection of future incidents

Food fraud is any intentional deception using food. This can include adulteration (e.g. adding hot pressed olive oil to virgin olive oil), substitution (e.g. selling tilapia as sea bass) or mislabelling (e.g. giving the wrong geographical origin). Food fraud across the agri-food chain cost European Union businesses billions of euros every year, can pose a threat to public health and can undermine consumer and business confidence. Food fraud incidents that featured prominently in mainstream media include the adulteration of honey with sugar syrup or mixing infant formula with melamine.

To support the fight against food fraud, the Knowledge Centre for Food Fraud and Quality of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (JRC) has been publishing monthly food fraud reports since 2016, listing food fraud incidents reported in international media. These reports are based on data from the European Media Monitor, an automated system which collects information from approximately 17 000 sources across 190 countries world-wide.

In support of the Watson project, the JRC has now compiled all 1892 food fraud incidents listed in the food fraud reports since 2016 into one dataset and developed an [interactive application](#). This application allows filtering the dataset by time, geographic location, geographical indications (PDO or PGI), food category and category of fraud. It therefore allows to reveal patterns such as number of incidents in specific countries, and the prevalence of food fraud types like grey market and counterfeit. It therefore should enhance situational awareness and support evidence-based decision-making for stakeholders in food fraud prevention and policy design.



Screenshot of the food fraud incidents application

According to Arantza Respaldiza, one of the scientists that developed the application, “the food fraud reports give a good snapshot of the current situation in food fraud, but are not suited to detect trends. This application allows a detailed investigation of trends in time and which food categories or regions are reporting most food fraud. This is crucial in assessing the risk of future incidents.”

Policy makers, industry and consumers can use the application to assess which areas are most susceptible to fraud. This allows them to focus their attention on these areas, effectively limiting the incidence of fraud. The dataset will be continuously updated with new food fraud incidents.

Try the [new application](#)!

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Food Fraud Cases

The articles report on a seizure of seven tonnes of clams that were unfit for human consumption, as part of a hit against illegal fisheries in Europe.

23/04/2025 - 30/07/2025 [europol](#) [albaniandailynews](#)



Portugal
Spain



Bivalve molluscs and
products thereof



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

The Anti-Terrorism Squad busted an illegal liquor racket in Shahdara, Delhi, and seized 1 496 liquor bottles.

05/08/2025 [uniindia](#) [lorientlejour](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeiting

The article reports on a police operation in East Java, that busted a 125 t premium rice scandal. The operation involved the seizure of large quantities of rice that were allegedly being sold as premium products but were actually of lower quality.

05/08/2025 [antaranews](#)



Indonesia



Cereals and bakery
products



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Turkish authorities have arrested 121 individuals over the illegal production of liquor. The crackdown aims to combat the production and distribution of counterfeit alcoholic beverages, which poses significant health risks to consumers.

05/08/2025 [barrons](#) [lorientlejour](#)



Türkiye



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeiting

The articles report on the arrest of four individuals in the UK on suspicion of counterfeit rice fraud, specifically related to fake basmati rice.

05/08/2025 [securingindustry](#) [foodmanufacture](#)



United Kingdom



Cereals and bakery
products



Counterfeit

In Brindisi authorities conducted extensive food safety inspections across several establishments, including restaurants and hotels. The operation resulted in the seizure of a substantial quantity of food, including 200 kg of fish and a total of 375 kg of various food items deemed unfit for consumption. The inspections also uncovered non-potable water being used. These actions highlight the local authorities' efforts to enforce food safety regulations and ensure public health.

06/08/2025 [lagazzettadelmezzogiorno](#) [virgilio](#) [giornaledipuglia](#) [buonasera24](#)
[ledicola](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products
Food

Water for human
consumption (other)



Grey market
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The article reports on a crackdown on illicit liquor trade in Himachal, resulting in the seizure of 10 500 l of illegal liquor.

07/08/2025 [uniindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

An attempt to import milk from Kyrgyzstan using forged documents has been foiled in Tambov Oblast.

07/08/2025 [24](#)



Russia



Milk and milk products



Document forgery

In Florida three men were arrested, and 53 spiny lobsters were confiscated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for being illegally caught. This incident underscores the ongoing efforts to protect marine wildlife and enforce fishing regulations.

07/08/2025 [fox35orlando](#)



United States



Crustaceans and products
thereof



Grey market

At least ten people have died from drinking fake Chacha, a type of alcoholic beverage, in a tourist resort in Russia.

08/08/2025 [jam-news](#) [extra.globo](#)



Russia



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Counterfeit

Authorities have seized a significant quantity of expired and unfit food, including rice, wheat, and other essentials, in Bangladesh, highlighting efforts to prevent the sale of contaminated and unsafe food products.

09/08/2025 [bssnews](#)



Bangladesh



Cereals and bakery
products



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Three individuals have been arrested with 310 bottles of Indian Made Foreign Liquor that were smuggled from Puducherry into Tamil Nadu, highlighting efforts to prevent the sale of illicit and untaxed alcoholic beverages.

09/08/2025 [dtnext](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Authorities have confiscated 2 765 l of spirit haul from a mini lorry in Kodakara highlighting efforts to prevent the sale of illicit and untaxed alcoholic beverages.

09/08/2025 [thehindu](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Grey market

The Excise Department in Golaghat has destroyed 5 000 l of illicit liquor and razed 24 dens, highlighting efforts to prevent the sale of contaminated and unsafe alcoholic beverages.

09/08/2025 [timesofindia](#)

The Italian carabinieri have carried out checks at the Esquilino market in Rome and seized over 1 000 kg of food in poor condition, including meat and fish. The action was taken to protect public health and prevent the sale of adulterated food products.

09/08/2025 [iltabloid](#) [ilfaroonline](#) [romatoday](#) [roma.repubblica](#) [roma.repubblica](#) [ilquotidianodellazio](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products
Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Adulteration/ Product
tampering



Over 1 800 kg of rotten trotters have been seized in Kupwara, Kashmir, highlighting concerns over unhygienic food chains and the need for strict meat quality checks.

09/08/2025 [timesofindia](#)



Pakistan



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Adulteration/ Product
tampering



Police have arrested two individuals and seized a quantity of foreign liquor in Dhaka, highlighting efforts to prevent the sale of illicit and untaxed alcoholic beverages.

10/08/2025 [thefinancialexpress](#)



Bangladesh



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Counterfeit

An individual, Shubham Sardar, wanted for his involvement in the spurious liquor trade, has been arrested in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, after he shaved his head to evade police.

10/08/2025 [indiatoday](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Grey market

The General Operations Force has foiled an attempt to smuggle 16 000 kg of pork carcasses into Kelantan, highlighting efforts to prevent the sale of illicit and potentially contaminated meat products.

10/08/2025 [thesun](#)



Malaysia



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Grey market



The authorities in Rawalpindi have seized and destroyed 8 000 kg of foul-smelling meat. The action was taken to protect public health and prevent the sale of adulterated meat products.

11/08/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Adulteration/ Product
tampering



Over 2 700 kg of rotten fish and chicken have been seized and destroyed in Jammu, highlighting efforts to prevent the sale of contaminated and unsafe food products to consumers.

11/08/2025 [greaterkashmir](#)



India



Fish and fish products



Document forgery

The Punjab Food Authority in Pakistan has sealed a biscuit factory and discarded 50 000 l of expired oil. The action aims to prevent the use of expired and unsafe food products, ensuring consumer safety and preventing food fraud.

11/08/2025 [deccanherald](#)



Pakistan



Cereals and bakery
products
Fats and oils



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Approximately 500 kg of fish with poor traceability have been seized in La Rinconada, highlighting concerns over the lack of proper documentation and tracking of seafood products.

11/08/2025 [cope](#)



Spain



Fish and fish products



Document forgery
Grey market

The Turkish gendarmerie has seized over 62 000 l of counterfeit alcohol.

11/08/2025 [europeantimes](#)



Türkiye



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

Colombian authorities have seized unsanitary meat in the municipalities of Barbosa and Cisneros. The action was taken to protect public health and prevent the sale of adulterated meat products.

12/08/2025 [elcolombiano](#)



Colombia



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

In Ghana police intercepted 248 bags of cocoa beans suspected to be smuggled in the town of Ada. This operation is part of ongoing efforts to combat illegal trade and protect the integrity of the cocoa industry, which is vital to the national economy.

12/08/2025 [myjoyonline](#)



Ghana



Cocoa and cocoa
preparations, coffee and
tea



Grey market

In Ranchi authorities uncovered a counterfeit liquor operation, seizing 820 l of spirit. This incident highlights the ongoing issue of illicit alcohol production and the associated risks to public health.

12/08/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Counterfeit

In Gujarat over 80 000 bottles of Indian Made Foreign Liquor valued were destroyed as part of the state's stringent measures against illegal alcohol. This reflects ongoing efforts to enforce prohibition laws in the region.

12/08/2025 [news18](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

In Delhi a unique smuggling operation was dismantled by police, who arrested five individuals involved in transporting illicit liquor using camels. This creative but illegal method highlights ongoing challenges in the region's fight against bootlegging.

12/08/2025 [news18](#) [devdiscourse](#) [timesofindia](#) [news18](#) [devdiscourse](#)
[thestatesman](#) [europeaeu](#) [devdiscourse](#) [devdiscourse](#)

Ahead of the Onam festival, the authorities in Kerala, have seized 17 000 l of spurious and sub-standard coconut oil in inspections. The oil was found to be adulterated and not meeting the required standards, posing a risk to consumer health..

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India



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A significant quantity of unsafe meat, weighing 12 000 Kg, was seized in the Kashmir Valley, during a crackdown on rotten meat. The meat was found to be unfit for human consumption, posing a risk to public health..

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India



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Poultry meat and poultry
meat products



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Italian authorities have carried out an operation in Palermo, Italy, and have seized 14 t of untraceable and expired fish, in addition to imposing fines on several restaurants and fisheries. The action was taken to protect public health and prevent the sale of adulterated food products.

12/08/2025 [palermo.gds](#) [today](#) [blogsicilia](#) [direttasicilia](#) [gazzettadelsud](#) [bagherianews](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

In Kosovo police have seized 910 kg of smuggled mushrooms. The operation aims to combat the illicit trade of food products.

12/08/2025 [freshplaza](#)



Kosovo



Fruits and vegetables



Grey market

The Rawalpindi Cantonment Board has sealed an illegal milk factory and destroyed 1 100 l of toxic milk. The action was taken to protect public health and prevent the sale of adulterated dairy products.

12/08/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The Danapur rail police seized over 760 l of illegal liquor, highlighting the ongoing issue of liquor smuggling in Bihar.

13/08/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Women involved in liquor smuggling were sentenced to five years in jail, demonstrating judicial action against offenders in Bihar's prohibition scenario.

13/08/2025 [timesofindia](#)

The Punjab Food Authority in Pakistan has discarded over 7 000 kg of hazardous meat, deemed unfit for human consumption. The action aims to protect public health and prevent the sale of adulterated meat products.

13/08/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Adulteration/ Product tampering

In Albania tomato exports were halted when authorities in Croatia detected pesticide residues exceeding acceptable levels. This incident underscores the challenges in maintaining agricultural export standards and the impact on trade relations.

15/08/2025 [politiko](#) [freshplaza](#)



Albania



Fruits and vegetables



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Seven individuals have been accused and sentenced to prison for their involvement in a food fraud scheme related to red tuna in Navarra, Spain. Although the details of the incident are not fully specified, it appears to involve counterfeit products and potentially falsified documents.

16/08/2025 [noticiasdenavarra](#)



Spain



Fish and fish products



Counterfeit Document forgery

In Pakistan the Punjab Food Authority) has sealed cake and beverage units and imposed a fin. The action was taken due to non-compliance with food safety regulations.

17/08/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Cereals and bakery products

Meat and meat products (other than poultry)

Milk and milk products



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency has seized 33 500 kg of Thai rice in a crackdown on smuggling. The rice is believed to have been brought into the country illegally, which could pose a risk to food safety and the local economy. The MMEA's action is part of its efforts to prevent the smuggling of goods and to protect the country's borders.

18/08/2025 [bernama](#) [thestar](#)



Malaysia



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

The Punjab Food Authority has lodged three First Information Reports against food establishments and imposed fines for violating food safety regulations. The PFA has taken action against establishments that were found to be selling adulterated or mislabelled products, and has imposed fines on the owners.

18/08/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Food



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The Punjab Food Authority has sealed eight multinational food brands and imposed fines for violating food safety regulations. The PFA has taken action against these brands for allegedly selling mislabelled products, and has imposed penalties on the owners.

19/08/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Cereals and bakery products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A former mayor of Salto has been convicted for attempting to smuggle 6 817 eggs into the country. The eggs were likely to be sold on the black market, posing a risk to consumer health and safety.

19/08/2025 [montevideo](#)



Uruguay



Eggs and egg products



Grey market

The Punjab Food Authority has intensified its crackdown on food outlets in Lahore, sealing many establishments for violating food safety regulations.

20/08/2025 [pakistantoday](#) [brecorder](#)



Pakistan



Cereals and bakery products
Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Milk and milk products
Adulteration/ Product tampering



The Punjab Food Authority has discarded 5 000 l of adulterated milk and 893 kg of diseased meat for being unfit for human consumption.

20/08/2025 [app](#) [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Authorities in Kohat have seized substandard drinks, highlighting efforts to combat food fraud and ensure consumer safety. The seizure suggests that there are ongoing issues with the quality and safety of food and beverages in the region.

20/08/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Non-alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The Punjab Food Authority has seized 2 200 kg of rotten meat in Bahawalpur. The meat was found to be unfit for human consumption and was likely being sold as fresh meat, potentially putting consumers' health at risk.

20/08/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Poultry meat and poultry meat products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

In Gujarat the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India seized adulterated ghee, highlighting significant concerns regarding the quality and safety of dairy products in the region.

21/08/2025 [devdiscourse](#)



India



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The Italian Coast Guard seized over 1 100 kg of fish that were not suitable for human consumption in Soverato. The incident highlights the importance of ensuring the quality and safety of seafood products to protect public health..

21/08/2025 [lanuovacalabria](#)



Italy



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



Adulteration/ Product tampering

A series of controls by the NAS has led to the seizure of 1 000 conserve products and fines amounting to EUR 10 000.

21/08/2025 [radioluna](#)



Italy



Other food products/ mixed



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse seized counterfeit alcohol in Nyeri. The incident underscores the need for continued efforts to combat counterfeit and illicit alcohol trade in the country.

21/08/2025 [capitalfm](#)



Kenya



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

Kenyan authorities intercepted trucks carrying contraband sugar and oil from Somalia, resulting in the arrest of eight individuals. The incident highlights the ongoing issue of smuggling and illegal trade in the region.

21/08/2025 [hiiraan](#)



Kenya



Other food products/ mixed



Grey market

A significant amount of "hot meat" (double-dead or diseased meat) was seized in Bulacan.

21/08/2025 [manilatimes](#) [manilatimes](#) [tribune](#) [newsinfo](#)



Philippines



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Adulteration/ Product tampering

In Sainte-Menehould gendarmes seized 1 034 l of alcohol as part of a crackdown on illegal distribution. The operation aimed to address the issue of unauthorised alcohol sales, ensuring compliance with local regulations.

22/08/2025 - 22/08/2025 [lunion](#)



France



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Authorities seized 2 200kg of smuggled ration rice in Erode and arrested five individuals in connection with the incident. The seizure highlights the issue of smuggling and diversion of subsidized ration rice in the region..

22/08/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

An interstate bootlegger was arrested with a large quantity of illegal liquor in Delhi..

23/08/2025 [menafn](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

The Halal Food Authority in Pakistan has seized 1 550 kg of hazardous food, specifically "Hazar" (a type of meat product), due to non-compliance with halal standards and potential health risks.

23/08/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A quantity of camel meat and other meat products have been seized at the port of Hodeida, due to non-compliance with food safety standards..

23/08/2025 [saba](#)



Yemen



Prepared dishes and
snacks



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

In Patna three individuals were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for their involvement in smuggling liquor. This case is part of ongoing efforts to enforce prohibition laws and combat the illegal liquor trade in the region.

24/08/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Two individuals were apprehended at the Ranchi railway station with illegal liquor, emphasizing ongoing efforts to combat liquor smuggling in dry regions of India.

24/08/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Cereals and bakery
products



Grey market

Authorities in Hyderabad uncovered an illegal operation producing counterfeit liquor labels. Two individuals were arrested and equipment was confiscated. The bust underscores efforts to combat the production and distribution of fake alcohol products.

26/08/2025 [thehindu](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

In Karnataka authorities seized 4 200 kg of Anna Bhagya rice that was being illegally sold on the black market. One individual was arrested in connection with the racket, which involved diverting rice meant for a government welfare scheme.

26/08/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Cereals and bakery
products



Grey market

Authorities in Mumbai seized 550 kg of fake cheese that was being sold as paneer. The operation is part of a larger effort to combat food fraud in the city.

26/08/2025 [indianexpress](#)



India



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Italian authorities seized a tonne of fishery products, including crustaceans and molluscs, in the areas between Termoli and the Tremiti Islands. The products were found to lack proper traceability documentation, leading to their confiscation.

26/08/2025 [ansa](#)



Italy



Bivalve molluscs and products thereof
Crustaceans and products thereof



Fish and fish products
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A mobile court in Dhaka has seized 500 kg of unsafe sweets from various shops as part of an operation to ensure food safety and protect consumers from health risks associated with contaminated food products.

27/08/2025 [bssnews](#)



Bangladesh



Confectionery



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

In Chatra authorities seized over 3 000 bottles of spurious liquor and arrested two individuals involved in the illegal operation. This action is part of an ongoing crackdown on counterfeit alcoholic beverages in the region.

27/08/2025 [eluniversal](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

The Food Authority has confiscated 44 000 kg of rasgullas that were being stored under unhygienic conditions in Jammu and Kashmir. This major seizure is part of efforts to ensure food safety and prevent the distribution of contaminated sweets.

27/08/2025 [ndtv](#)



India



Confectionery



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

In Guanajuato authorities confiscated 160 000 l of adulterated milk as part of a crackdown on lechicoleo, the illegal tampering and distribution of milk. This operation is part of broader efforts to combat food fraud and ensure the safety and quality of dairy products in the region.

27/08/2025 [tiempo](#)



Mexico



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Grey market

Authorities in Rio de Janeiro seized six t of unfit coffee during an operation targeting food fraud. This effort is part of a broader initiative to ensure the quality and safety of coffee products in the region.

28/08/2025 [agenciabrasil](#) [globorural](#)



Brazil



Cocoa and cocoa
preparations, coffee and
tea



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

In a separate operation, 3 t of adulterated coffee were seized in Rio de Janeiro. This highlights ongoing efforts to combat food fraud in the coffee industry within the region.

28/08/2025 [band](#) [oglobo](#)

In Marie-Galante authorities seized a substantial amount of contraband, 611 l of alcohol, from a vessel. This operation is part of efforts to combat smuggling activities in the region, ensuring compliance with customs regulations and protecting the local market from illicit goods.

28/08/2025 [guadeloupe.franceantilles](#)



France



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

An excise team in Ludhiana was attacked while conducting a raid against liquor smuggling, resulting in 14 individuals being booked for the assault.

28/08/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

In Cesenatico authorities seized 100 kg of frozen fish being transported under irregular conditions. The operation was part of efforts to ensure compliance with food safety regulations concerning the transportation and storage of perishable goods.

29/08/2025 [ilrestodelcarlino](#) [corriereromagna](#) [cesenatoday](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Grey market

In Florida authorities seized a substantial amount of contraband comprising 1 200 kg of chicken, 300 kg of garlic, and 2 700 kg of onions. This operation was part of efforts to combat illegal food smuggling and ensure market regulations are upheld.

29/08/2025 [subrayado](#)



Uruguay



Fruits and vegetables
Herbs and spices
Poultry meat and poultry meat products
Grey market



In Ludhiana Indian authorities uncovered a scheme where cheap alcohol was being sold under premium labels. This operation led to the arrest of two individuals involved in the liquor racket.

30/08/2025 [uniindia](#) [hindustantimes](#) [tribuneindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit
Grey market

In Italy authorities seized 2 000 kg of lamb meat that was fraudulently marketed as Italian despite being sourced from abroad. This operation is part of ongoing efforts to protect the integrity of local food products and enforce accurate labelling regarding the origin of food.

30/08/2025 [italiaatavola](#)



Italy



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

In Ghouri Town authorities arrested an individual found in possession of 50 bottles of imported liquor, valued at millions. This incident highlights ongoing efforts to curb the illegal distribution of alcohol.

30/08/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The Punjab Food Authority in Pakistan discarded 108 000 l of adulterated milk, part of an ongoing crackdown on food safety violations. This action underscores the authority's commitment to ensuring the quality and safety of dairy products..

30/08/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Authorities in Frosinone uncovered a food fraud operation involving foreign meat being falsely marketed as Italian, affecting the authenticity of the meat supply chain.

31/08/2025 [agenparl](#) [ilmessaggero](#) [agenparl](#)



Italy



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

In a recent operation led by the Punjab Food Authority in Lahore and Sheikhpura, 2 750 l of adulterated milk were discarded, and three food outlets were sealed for serious violations. During inspections of 104 food outlets, enforcement teams also disposed of over 140 kg of substandard meat, expired bakery items, sauces, and stale vegetables. The crackdown was directed by Muhammad Asim Javaid, Director General of PFA. The operation highlighted issues such as unhygienic storage conditions and the use of inferior ingredients, which pose a threat to public health.

31/08/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Cereals and bakery products
Fruits and vegetables
Meat and meat products (other than poultry)
Milk and milk products
Soups, broths, sauces and condiments



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

In a significant crackdown by the Punjab Food Authority in the Rawalpindi Division, over 37 000 l of adulterated milk were destroyed. The operations took place in Rawalpindi's Katarian area, where 20 000 l were discarded, and on Chakwal Talagang Road, where 17 000 l were seized and destroyed. Laboratory tests revealed adulteration with vegetable oil and sugar. Legal actions have been initiated against the vehicle owners, and three milk carriers have been impounded. The PFA emphasises that milk adulteration is a criminal offence and encourages citizens to report violations.

31/08/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The Punjab Food Authority in Pakistan has discarded 2 750 l of adulterated milk and sealed a dairy facility. The action aims to prevent the sale of contaminated and unsafe milk products, ensuring consumer safety and preventing food fraud.

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Other interesting articles

Report on EU agri-food fraud suspicions

"Monthly reports on Agri-Food Fraud Monthly suspicions" displaying the necessary information concerning fraud suspicions retrieved from the Alert and Cooperation Network

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EU



Food

The Food Fraud Monthly Report is drafted by the JRC Geel Unit F.4 "Food Integrity" with the support of the JRC Ispra Unit T.5 "Text and Data Mining".

It serves the same interests as the JRC report but is based on EUMS notifications. More at: [FFN monthly - European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

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