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Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud and Adulteration

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Food Fraud Cases

In Palermo, the coast guard seized 20 t of fish suspected to be part of a food fraud operation. This action highlights significant concerns regarding the authenticity and safety of fish products being distributed in the area. Authorities are investigating potential mislabelling or illegal trade practices within the seafood supply chain.

01/10/2025 [blogsicilia](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Grey market
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The authorities in Sa'ada Governorate destroyed 25 t of food items that were expired or rejected.

01/10/2025 [saba](#)



Yemen



Food



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A wholesale seafood facility in Porto Viro had 7 t of expired fish seized and a fine of EUR 5 500 imposed.

02/10/2025 [ilgazzettino](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Illicit liquor worth EUR 55 000 and 4 367 l was seized in Buxar, with two Punjab smugglers arrested.

03/10/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Authorities seized counterfeit alcoholic beverages valued approx. EUR 900 000. The operation was conducted in the district of Cercado de Arequipa, targeting products that were fraudulently labelled to imitate well-known brands, thereby deceiving consumers regarding their authenticity and quality.

03/10/2025 [diariocorreo](#)



Peru



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Counterfeit
Grey market

Illegal entry of 1 031 sacks of rice worth about EUR 46 000 was stopped at the Panama border.

03/10/2025 [critica](#)



Panama



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

Authorities seized 4 t of grapes that were intended to adulterate wines from the Douro PDO. The operation revealed that the grapes were not sourced from the Douro region.

06/10/2025 [noticiasaminuto](#)



Portugal



Wine



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities in Tangier seized 12.7 t of expired food and arrested four people for falsifying expiry dates using printing equipment.

06/10/2025 [elfarodeceuta](#)



Morocco



Food



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

About EUR 95 million in counterfeit and substandard food and drinks were seized globally. The operation, part of OPSON XIV involving 31 countries, underscores the importance of cross-border cooperation in food safety.

07/10/2025 [europol.europa](#) [diariodehuelva](#) [gentedigital](#) [financialfood](#) [foodauthenticity](#) [abc](#) [eldiario](#) [foodsafetynews](#) [ilmetropolitano](#)



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Alcoholic beverages

Bivalve molluscs and
products thereof

Fish and fish products

Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)

Fruits and vegetables



Counterfeit

Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Police in Pernambuco shut down an illegal beverage factory in Garanhuns, seizing about 1 500 fake bottles and arresting three men involved in the counterfeiting operation.

07/10/2025 [interior](#)



Brazil



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

In Val d'Enza, Reggio Emilia, Italian authorities conducted a raid on a mill, uncovering severe hygiene issues. The facility was infested with rodents, and floors were covered in droppings, despite the business appearing active. The operation led to the administrative seizure of approximately 24 t of cereals intended for flour production and 800 kg of packaged dry pasta.

07/10/2025 [ilrestodelcarlino](#) [reggionline](#)



Italy



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A couple in Osaka were arrested for attempting to import approximately 45 t of rice from Vietnam while declaring it as mung beans.

07/10/2025 [japantimes](#)



Japan



Cereals and bakery products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

In Nairobi, police conducted an operation that led to the arrest of one individual involved in a ring producing counterfeit honey.

07/10/2025 [tuko](#)



Kenya



Honey and royal jelly



Counterfeit

Tests in São Paulo confirmed that methanol was intentionally added to seized alcoholic beverages. Authorities reported 18 poisoning cases and 3 deaths, prompting arrests and factory shutdowns linked to the illicit drinks.

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Brazil



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Police in Campinas, uncovered an illegal factory producing fake whiskey after an anonymous tip. Over 300 bottles were seized, and the suspect admitted to distributing the drinks. Samples were sent for forensic testing

08/10/2025 [band](#)



Brazil



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

Police in Buxar seized about 2 655 l of liquor worth roughly EUR 45 000 from a truck coming from Haryana to Patna. One suspect was arrested, and authorities are investigating a wider smuggling network.

08/10/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

In Uttar Pradesh, about 299 t of adulterated food were seized and 116 t destroyed ahead of Diwali during thousands of inspections and raids.

15/10/2025 [hindustantimes](#)



India



Food



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

In Reggio Calabria, 199 inspections found 127 irregular venues; 122 people were reported, over 4 t of food seized, several sites closed, and fines totaled EUR 210 000.

08/10/2025 [strettoweb](#) [quotidianodelsud](#)



Italy



Food



Document forgery

A farmers' group in Valencia accuses rice brands La Fallera and SOS of misleading consumers by implying their rice is local. They urge authorities to investigate and enforce EU labeling rules requiring clear origin information.

08/10/2025 [agronewscastillayleon](#)



Spain



Cereals and bakery
products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities in Ankara seized 17 t of spoiled meat worth EUR 320 000, arrested three suspects, and destroyed the unsafe products to protect public health.

08/10/2025 [haberler](#)



Türkiye



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



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

A five-day River Police drive seized illegal nets and fish, arrested 328 people, and enforced the nationwide Hilsha fishing ban.

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Bangladesh



Fish and fish products



Grey market

Police in Buxar arrested 36 people in a major crackdown, seizing illegal liquor and explosives. The operation targeted wanted criminals and aimed to strengthen law and order in the district.

09/10/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Police arrested a man in Ranchi for smuggling 809 liquor bottles into Bihar.

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Two men were arrested in Shamshabad, Hyderabad, for carrying 10 l of illicit liquor. Police seized the liquor and began an investigation.

09/10/2025 [thehindu](#)

Over 2.6 t of adulterated food, including jaggery and sugar, were seized before the festive season. Authorities collected 15 samples for testing and warned businesses to maintain food safety standards.

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India



Food
Other food products/
mixed



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Four men were stopped on the A19 motorway with 1 200 kg of grapes of unknown origin. Police seized the loads and reported them for handling stolen goods and money laundering.

09/10/2025 [vivienna](#)



Italy



Fruits and vegetables



Grey market

Authorities in Bolívar, Colombia seized over 5 800 bottles of adulterated and smuggled liquor worth about EUR 13 000.

10/10/2025 [eluniversal](#)



Colombia



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Grey market

In Vadodara, police seized a truck carrying illegal liquor worth about EUR 67 000, arresting two men.

10/10/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Authorities near Coimbatore seized 25 t of ration rice being smuggled to Kerala.

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India



Cereals and bakery
products



Grey market

The marine enforcement authorities in Kerala seized about 5 000 kg of juvenile silver croaker fish.

11/10/2025 [onmanorama](#)



India



Fish and fish products



Grey market

Authorities in eastern Sicily seized around 2 000 kg of fish and issued fines totalling EUR 60 000 during inspections of restaurants and seafood supply chains.

11/10/2025 [tempostretto](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Customs officials in Kayes, Mali intercepted nearly 29 t of smuggled flour and sugar..

13/10/2025 [malijet](#)



Mali



Cereals and bakery
products
Other food products/
mixed



Grey market

Authorities in Jaipur destroyed 1 380 kg of adulterated mawa.

14/10/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Hanoi police seized over 80 t of fake meat and 20 000 bottles of counterfeit water, arresting several suspects involved in large-scale food fraud rings.

14/10/2025 [vietnamnet](#)



Vietnam



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Natural mineral water



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Counterfeit

Authorities in Cartagena dismantled an illegal liquor factory, arrested three suspects, and seized 1 665 l of alcohol, 700 bottles, and about EUR 1 400 in cash. The operation produced around 5 000 fake bottles each month.

15/10/2025 [elheraldo](#) [eluniversal](#)



Colombia



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Italian police seized 1 000 t of goods in Catania, including 110 t of fish stored improperly and 900 t of untraceable juice, worth about EUR 3 million. The facility was shut down and the owner reported..

15/10/2025 [giornaledibrescia](#) [giornalelora](#) [agenparl](#) [ilfattodicatania](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products
Non-alcoholic beverages



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Officials seized 3.5 t of Uruguayan rice falsely sold as Italian, uncovering hygiene violations and ongoing fraud investigations.

15/10/2025 [askanews](#) [agenparl](#) [parmatoday](#)



Italy



Cereals and bakery
products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The Punjab Food Authority in Muzaffargarh discarded 520 l of milk, 510 kg of khoya, and 80 kg of spices found adulterated during inspections.

16/10/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



Herbs and spices
Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Authorities shut down a Cagliari coffee plant for poor hygiene, seizing 920 kg of coffee worth EUR 50 000 and fining the owner EUR 5 000.

16/10/2025 [unionesarda](#)



Italy



Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The Islamabad Food Authority dumped 22 000 l of adulterated milk, sealed 2 units, and fined 6 establishments during a crackdown on food safety.

16/10/2025 [app](#) [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Italy

Three Ukrainians were fined for smuggling 7.5 kg of caviar, 62 kg of meat, and 8 l of alcohol across the Italy-Switzerland border.

17/10/2025 [ilgiorno](#)



Alcoholic beverages
Fish and fish products
Meat and meat products (other than poultry)
Grey market



Authorities in Ankara seized 1.2 t of spoiled meat and took legal action against three suspects..

17/10/2025 [haberler](#)



Türkiye



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



Cambodia destroyed nearly 1 t of smuggled frozen meat from Thailand to protect public health.

18/10/2025 [khemtimeskh](#)



Cambodia



Other food products/ mixed
Poultry meat and poultry meat products
Grey market



ANMAT banned 2 olive-oil products for having false or invalid registrations.

20/10/2025 [aimdigital](#) [lavoz901](#)



Argentina



Fats and oils



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Anvisa banned all Ouro Negro olive oil on 20 Oct 2025 for unknown origin, part of a wider crackdown that removed over 20 brands in 2025 for fraud.

20/10/2025 [newsrondonia](#)



Brazil



Fats and oils



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The Punjab Food Authority seized 1 000 kg of contaminated meat from an illegal slaughterhouse in Rawalpindi and arrested one suspect.

20/10/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



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



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Two people were arrested in Tbilisi after authorities seized over 10 000 packets of fake instant coffee and more than 2 400 counterfeit confectionery items produced in an illegal facility.

21/10/2025 [georgiatoday](#)



Georgia



Cocoa and cocoa
preparations, coffee and
tea
Confectionery
Counterfeit



The operation carried out 322 inspections, found 30 violations with EUR 50 000 in fines, and seized nearly 2 t of seafood, including 1.5 t of clams returned to the sea.

21/10/2025 [chietitoday](#)



Italy



Bivalve molluscs and
products thereof
Fish and fish products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Over 401 500 kg of wheat were seized from an unregistered warehouse in Layyah during an anti-hoarding operation.

21/10/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Cereals and bakery
products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The PFA seized 500 kg of dead-animal meat and 1 350 l of adulterated milk in two raids, shutting down the operations and making arrests..

21/10/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



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



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Authorities seized 36 000 kg of fungus-infested peanuts and 4 000 kg of substandard snacks from an unhygienic manufacturing unit using expired ingredients.

21/10/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



Nuts, nut products and
seeds
Other food products/
mixed



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Argentina's food regulator banned a honey-based supplement and a raisin brand due to missing health registrations and fake labels.

22/10/2025 [infobae](#)



Argentina



Honey and royal jelly



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

At the Chittagong Port in Bangladesh, authorities seized 60 t of the artificial sweetener Sodium cyclamate.

22/10/2025 [thefinancialexpress](#) [thedailystar](#)



Bangladesh



Feed additives



Grey market

An illegal liquor ring in the Putumayo region of Colombia was uncovered, with authorities seizing goods valued at around EUR 4 800.

22/10/2025 [hsbnoticias](#)



Colombia



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit
Grey market

About 3 000 kg of rotten beef were seized in a raid on a slaughterhouse and adjoining butcher shop in Bahawalpur.

22/10/2025 [tribune](#)



Pakistan



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

A Vietnamese woman has been arrested after her company produced over 2.7 million l of cooking oil falsely branded as “Keva Gold”.

22/10/2025 [vietnamnet](#)



Vietnam



Fats and oils



Counterfeit

The ANMAT banned two olive oils and one sugar-wafer candy “Gallinita Orly” after finding that the labels used nonexistent sanitary registration numbers and fictitious company information.

23/10/2025 [lavoz901](#) [lanacion](#)



Argentina



Fats and oils



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding
India

Two men were arrested in Solapur for smuggling liquor made in Goa into Maharashtra.

23/10/2025 [uniindia](#)



Alcoholic beverages



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Over 150 000 kg of jam and pickles worth about EUR 302 000 were destroyed after officials found rotten ingredients and unsafe production conditions.

23/10/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)

Other food products/
mixed



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Smugglers attempted to import approximately 53 000 kg of fresh carrots from China, packed in three containers, misdeclared as bathroom fittings, napkins and storage boxes.

23/10/2025 [philstar](#) [global-agriculture](#)



Philippines



Fruits and vegetables



Grey market

Authorities intercepted a clandestine shipment at the Chile-Bolivia border containing 400 000 eggs.

24/10/2025 [df](#) [adnradio](#) [elmorrocotudo](#) [agritotal](#)



Chile



Eggs and egg products



Grey market

A 21-year-old man from Haryana was arrested in Delhi after trying to smuggle a large consignment of illicit liquor in an ambulance.

24/10/2025 [news18](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

About 10.2 t of ration-rice were seized.

24/10/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

About 1 t of untraceable fish worth EUR 35 000 was seized in Mugnano di Napoli.

24/10/2025 [ottopagine](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities in Italy seized about 300 kg of untraceable honey from a lab in Villa Santa Maria.

24/10/2025 [chietitoday](#)



Italy



Honey and royal jelly



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

In a food-factory in Diyarbakır, 2 230 kg of expired marinated chicken, minced meat, vegetables and spices — some with “2023” expiry dates — were seized and the premises shut down.

24/10/2025 [haberler](#)



Türkiye



Fruits and vegetables
Herbs and spices
Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Poultry meat and poultry
meat products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

About 1 125 l of illicit liquor worth roughly EUR 2 430 were seized and four suspects arrested.

27/10/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

A batch of about 7 t of rice smuggled from Uzbekistan into Kyrgyzstan was seized.

27/10/2025 [24](#)



Kyrgyzstan



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

In Durango, an investigation found that around 20% of beef being sold was actually horse meat.

27/10/2025 [tiempo](#) [mvsnoticias](#)



Mexico



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Over 7.6 t of unsafe food and 2 452 l of mineral water in unhygienic conditions were seized.

27/10/2025 [northafricapost](#)



Tunisia



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Natural mineral water
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Seizure of 500 l of spurious liquor and the arrest of two militants.

28/10/2025 [aninews](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

Two arrested after authorities seized about 4 781 l of illicit foreign liquor.

28/10/2025 [latestly](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

India seized two trucks carrying paddy (rice) worth about EUR 7 800 that lacked valid documents.

28/10/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Cereals and bakery
products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Over 3 500 kg of fish without traceability were seized in eastern Sicily.

28/10/2025 [cataniaoggi](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Authorities seized and destroyed 1 500 kg of rotten meat

28/10/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Customs in the Philippines intercepted two containers declared as carrying 5 300 cartons of fish balls but instead found bulk sacks of frozen chicken breasts.

28/10/2025 [philstar](#)



Philippines



Poultry meat and poultry
meat products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Over 8 t of non-traceable fish with expiration dates exceeded by over a year were seized in Piombino.

29/10/2025 [ansa](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Counterfeit

A couple were arrested after being found with approximately 360 l of allegedly counterfeit olive oil.

30/10/2025 [folhape](#)



Brazil



Fats and oils



Counterfeit

Authorities seized 9 720 l of substandard oil and 2 200 kg of dead poultry.

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Pakistan



Fats and oils
Poultry meat and poultry
meat products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A coordinated police operation uncovered serious food-safety and labour violations: about EUR 50 000 in fines were issued, 350 kg of food (meat, fish, sauces, rice, prepared dishes) were seized.

01/11/2025 [torinoggi](#)



Italy



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Fish and fish products
Soups, broths, sauces and
condiments



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Lapu-Lapu City authorities seized over 3 t of improperly stored chicken and pork, transported without valid registration and mixed in unsafe conditions.

01/11/2025 [sunstar](#) [manilatimes](#)



Philippines



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



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A truck carrying 575 cartons of foreign liquor, reportedly worth EUR 82 000, was seized by police in Lucknow while being smuggled to Bihar.

02/11/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Eleven people were arrested after police busted an illegal foreign-liquor production ring in Bokaro, seizing 360 l of raw spirit and 1 563 l of ready liquor.

02/11/2025 [uniindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

About 13 000 kg of pasta, meats and cheeses worth over EUR 90 000 were seized in Bologna after being stored among tires, insects and debris in unsafe conditions. The operator was fined EUR 5 000.

03/11/2025 [ilrestodelcarlino](#) [bologna.press](#)



Italy



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



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Authorities arrested 21 people and seized 291 t of flour and 28 t of wheat in an anti-smuggling operation.

03/11/2025 [urdupoint](#) [tribune](#)



Pakistan



Cereals and bakery
products



Grey market

The Policía Fiscal seized more than 900 boxes of contraband whisky in Pucusana.

03/11/2025 [typeru](#)



Peru



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

ANMAT banned the diabetes drug TIRZEC® 5 and 18 dietary supplements after detecting they were sold without registration or quality controls.

04/11/2025 [lavo901](#)



Argentina



Dietetic foods, food supplements, fortified foods



Counterfeit
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Nagpur police arrested seven people and seized 135 l of diluted liquor falsely sold as a major brand, worth about EUR 34 000.

04/11/2025 [uniindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

IFA destroyed 25 000 l of adulterated milk and 178 kg of unsafe meat after inspecting 1 058 restaurants and food outlets.

04/11/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



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



Adulteration/ Product
tampering

Valencian farmers denounce that rice brands use Valencian symbols to imply local origin without stating where the rice actually comes from, breaching EU labelling rules. A formal complaint was filed after authorities gave no response for over a month.

04/11/2025 [agroinformacion](#)



Spain



Cereals and bakery
products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Bangladesh Coast Guard seized 4 000 kg of illegally traded young hilsa worth about EUR 22 500.

05/11/2025 [bssnews](#)



Bangladesh



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

São Paulo authorities seized over 140 000 bottles and 500 000 fake packaging items and arrested 46 people after 47 methanol poisonings and 9 deaths linked to illicit alcohol.

05/11/2025 [jornaldebrasil](#)



Brazil



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Counterfeit

Police in Goa dismantled a liquor-smuggling racket, seizing over 12 000 falsely labelled whiskey bottles worth about EUR 17 000. Four people were arrested.

05/11/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

NACADA seized about 50 000 l of illicit beer and other illegal alcohol in Kericho during a dawn raid.

05/11/2025 [togolais](#)



Kenya



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

European fishermen warn that some sea bass sold in Spain is actually cheaper Asian perch, undermining a sector worth EUR 131 million for 23 622 t.

06/11/2025 [libertaddigital](#)



Spain



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Turkey seized over 30 800 bottles and 21 400 l of illicit alcohol, arresting 179 people in a nationwide crackdown.

06/11/2025 [haberler](#) [china.org.cn](#)



Türkiye



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

Police seized 1 238 kg of illegally harvested fish worth about EUR 4 800 in Namibia, along with banned nets.

07/11/2025 [namibian](#)



Namibia



Fish and fish products



Grey market

Authorities seized 25 800 l of fake soft drinks and related materials, arresting two suspects.

07/11/2025 [dawn](#)



Pakistan



Non-alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

Police in Bokaro seized a truck carrying 1 100 crates of illicit foreign liquor, valued at about EUR 65 000.

08/11/2025 [devdiscourse](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Liquor reportedly valued at around EUR 70 000 was seized by police in Gujarat after undercover officers intercepted a truck and car transporting 18 304 bottles hidden under groundnut sacks.

08/11/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

A farm in Mormanno, Italy was raided and more than 1 100 kg of cheese, plus 96 kg of salami and 74 kg of spices, were seized after inspections found serious hygiene and labelling violations.

08/11/2025 [cosenzapost](#) [ansa](#)



Italy



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



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A police operation in Abruzzo uncovered a fraud involving “organic” honey: about 50 000 kg of honey and 12 000 kg of un-certified sugars and feed were seized.

08/11/2025 [vastoweb](#) [vastoweb](#)



Italy



Honey and royal jelly



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

PFA seized about 45 000 kg of spoiled jam and fruit preserves stored in unsafe, unsanitary conditions. The confiscated goods were worth roughly EUR 1.5 million.

09/11/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Fruits and vegetables
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A supplier provided about 6.8 million kg of fake ghee, made from palm oil, not milk, to the TTD for making laddus, causing an estimated loss of EUR 28 million.

10/11/2025 [thestatesman](#)



India



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Police and excise officers in Andhra Pradesh destroyed 2 900 bottles of illegal liquor, removing them from circulation to prevent public harm. The bottles had been seized during enforcement actions against illicit alcohol distribution.

10/11/2025 [thehindu](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Sardinian authorities seized 7.5 t of untraceable seafood and issued EUR 30 000 in fines for illegal fishing and missing documentation.

10/11/2025 [unionesarda](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities seized 20 000 kg of wine worth €150 000 due to incorrect labels and missing traceability documents.

10/11/2025 [trmtv](#)



Italy



Wine



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Italian authorities in Naples seized 1 500 kg of unsafe seafood: 1 200 kg of fish sold without traceability documents and 300 kg of illegally caught mussels. Fines totalled EUR 7 500.

10/11/2025 [vesuviolive](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products
Bivalve molluscs and
products thereof



Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities in Nasca seized over 8 t of fake table salt in 25 kg sacks, sold with copied brand packaging and lacking proper iodine, creating a public-health risk.

10/11/2025 [diariocorreo](#)



Peru



Dietetic foods, food
supplements, fortified
foods



Counterfeit
Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

SENASA seized 3 000 kg of chicken on Route 7 near Luján because it was being transported without required sanitary controls, proper documentation, or assurance of cold-chain conditions.

11/11/2025 [lanoticia1](#)



Argentina



Poultry meat and poultry
meat products



Document forgery

A supplier delivered 6.8 million kg of fake ghee, made from cheap oils instead of dairy, to the Tirumala temple, worth about EUR 28 million.

11/11/2025 [thehindubusinessline](#)



India



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Italian health-protection police shut down an illegal food warehouse operating without authorization and in very poor hygiene conditions. They seized around 1 600 eggs, 11 kg of honey and 350 l of oil, all lacking traceability. The activity was valued at about EUR 100 000, and the owner received EUR 12 500 in fines.

11/11/2025 [agenpar.eu](#) [ilmattino](#)



Italy



Eggs and egg products

Honey and royal jelly

Fats and oils



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Portuguese authority ASAE seized over 5 t of falsified honey in Évora and Aljustrel. The honey was labelled as the operator's own production, but it actually came from third-party producers. Packages also carried a forged veterinary-control number, misleading consumers about origin and traceability.

11/11/2025 [executivedigest.sapo.pt](#)



Portugal



Honey and royal jelly



Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities seized over 1 600 kg of pork in Zapala after finding it transported without refrigeration and without required sanitary documents or traceability.

12/11/2025 [rionegro](#)



Argentina



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Police in São Paulo and Paraná seized over 100 000 fake alcoholic drinks and arrested suspects involved in producing and selling counterfeit branded beverages.

12/11/2025 [g1.globo.com](#)



Brazil



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Brazilian authorities disqualified four olive-oil brands after discovering they contained other vegetable oils instead of pure olive oil. The products were removed from the market and consumers were advised to stop using them.

12/11/2025 [g1.globo.com](#) [globorural.globo.com](#) [tribunapr](#)



Brazil



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Police in Sarawak seized about EUR 740 000 worth of contraband during Operation Taring. The goods included untaxed cigarettes, liquor, frozen sausages (19 200 packs), gas cylinders and rice, all smuggled without valid documentation. Several suspects were arrested for storing and distributing these illegal products.

12/11/2025 [thesun](#)



Malaysia



Alcoholic beverages

Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)

Cereals and bakery

products



Grey market

ANMAT banned seven coffee products from the brands Caffé del Doge, Café Sol and Caffé del Ponte Rialto because their labels showed false or invalid sanitary-registration numbers and lacked required information such as batch and expiry dates. The products were considered fake in terms of regulatory compliance, and their sale, online and offline, was prohibited.

13/11/2025 [eldiarionuevodia](#)



Argentina



Cocoa and cocoa
preparations, coffee and
tea



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Six people in Atlántida, Honduras died after drinking an adulterated local alcohol. Authorities are investigating the source and seizing remaining product.

14/11/2025 [laprensa](#) [laprensa](#) [laprensa](#) [laprensa](#) [laprensa](#)



Honduras



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Authorities in Sicily seized 5 550 kg of seafood unfit for consumption during Operazione Calypso. Across 990 inspections, they issued EUR 87 000 in fines, recorded 70 violations, confiscated illegal fishing gear and suspended one business due to illegal fishing practices and lack of hygiene and traceability.

14/11/2025 [trapanioggi](#) [itacanotizie](#) [agrigentooggi](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities in the Crotone area discovered that 13 horses, many without identification and some registered as not suitable for human consumption, were illegally slaughtered in a sealed, non-authorised facility. About 3 000 kg of horse meat and assets worth more than EUR 3 million were seized. One person was arrested and others charged for illegal slaughtering, animal cruelty, and selling unsafe food.

14/11/2025 [lacnews24](#) [quotidianosanita](#)



Italy



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Grey market

Authorities in Kelantan seized 40 t of white rice that was being transported without valid documentation, valued at roughly EUR 28 000. The police detained the driver and confiscated the rice and truck.

14/11/2025 [bernama](#)



Malaysia



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A truck was stopped at the highway exit near Brescia carrying 1 035 kg of meat that was transported thawed rather than frozen, with storage temperature recorded at +1 °C instead of the required -18 °C. The meat was seized by authorities due to serious violations of hygiene and food-transport regulations.

17/11/2025 [bresciatoday](#)



Italy



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Adulteration/ Product tampering

A container truck near Ahmedabad was seized after police discovered about 9 476 bottles of liquor (750 ml and 180 ml) plus 4 512 beer cans hidden inside, total illicit cargo value approx. EUR 73 000.

18/11/2025 [timesofindia](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Seven fishermen from Andhra Pradesh were arrested for fishing inside Gahirmatha Marine Sanctuary, a protected zone in India, despite a ban. Authorities seized their trawler, two GPS devices, one VHF radio, a fish-finder, two generators, and about 1000 kg of fish.

18/11/2025 [uniindia](#)



India



Fish and fish products



Grey market

A task force in Minas Gerais (Brazil) seized about 182,8 thousand l of alcoholic beverages lacking provenance or showing signs of tampering, and destroyed roughly 3 900 containers, during a 40-day operation covering 522 establishments. Eighteen people were arrested and dozens of investigations opened, while authorities carried out consumer-education actions to warn about irregular drinks.

19/11/2025 [hojeemdia](#)



Brazil



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit
Adulteration/ Product tampering

The producers of Prosciutto di Parma DOP were found guilty of using pigs with prohibited genetics (often heavier Danish-Duroc crossbreeds) and exceeding the allowed live-weight limit for DOP certification. This “genetic fraud” affected millions of hams meant to be sold under the DOP seal, their label and origin did not comply. A court ordered over EUR 1 million in damages to restore the reputation of the DOP and to strengthen control mechanisms.

19/11/2025 [parmatoday](#)



Italy



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Counterfeit
Document forgery

Authorities seized 15 000 l of adulterated milk and 3 700 kg of illegal ingredients at an unlicensed facility.

19/11/2025 [urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

More than 27 000 boxes of canned goods, allegedly containing horse meat instead of the declared meat, were seized by prosecutors and police across 13 sites linked to the Qali Warma school-feeding program. Three people were arrested, including a former program official, while authorities announced efforts to capture additional suspects connected to the distribution of adulterated food to children.

19/11/2025 [andina](#)



Peru



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Adulteration/ Product tampering

In Palma authorities seized 20 t of expired and refrozen seafood from a distributor, including batches whose best-before dates go back to 2019. The firm was fined EUR 90 000 for serious breaches of food-safety and storage regulations.

19/11/2025 [murciatoday](#) [majorcadailybulletin](#)



Spain



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities in Ukraine dismantled a criminal network producing fake food, including canned goods and condensed milk, mimicking well-known brands, seizing nearly EUR 460 000 worth of goods.

19/11/2025 [securingindustry](#)



Ukraine



Food



Counterfeit

A meat-processing plant in Budapest was shut down after inspectors found mouldy meat on the walls and dead insects on the floor, the facility's hygiene conditions were described as "shocking." The closure came amid fears of potential foodborne illness, and authorities removed all affected meat from circulation.

20/11/2025 [dailynewshungary](#)



Hungary



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Seized over 42 000 kg of tomato puree transported from Bulgaria were seized at the port of Brindisi while they were falsely labeled as "Made in Italy", destined for two Italian firms. The producers' documents declared a Bulgarian origin, but the cans bore labels claiming Italian origin, misleading consumers.

20/11/2025 [borderline24](#) [tgcom24](#) [ledicola](#) [leccesette](#) [pugliareporter](#) [devdiscourse](#) [europeantimes](#)



Italy



Soups, broths, sauces and condiments



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

During the operation Adegas do Crime in Formiga, authorities seized liquor (cachaça), cheese, and salami due to suspected adulteration and sanitary irregularities. The crackdown targeted illegal alcohol falsification and prevented unfit, potentially dangerous products from reaching the market.

21/11/2025 [otempo](#)



Brazil



Alcoholic beverages



Milk and milk products



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Authorities in Himachal Pradesh Excise Department seized 54 945 l of illegal liquor across the state in a wide crackdown, disrupting several illicit distilleries. Special enforcement teams carried out multiple raids, registered hundreds of cases, and destroyed unauthorized production units on the spot.

22/11/2025 [thestatesman](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Authorities intercepted a cargo of 564 bottles of wine deemed contraband on a road between Sucre Department and Bolívar Department. The merchandise was valued at EUR 6 500. The wine lacked proper documentation proving its legality and origin, which led to its seizure.

23/11/2025 [elheraldo](#)



Colombia



Wine



Grey market

A gang was busted in Hazaribag district, after police seized illicit foreign liquor valued at about EUR 76 000. Authorities confiscated 332 cartons, a total of 15 936 bottles, plus materials used to produce counterfeit liquor, four vehicles and several phones.

23/11/2025 [devdiscourse](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

The government of Indonesia seized about 250 t of rice from a warehouse in Sabang Free Trade Zone, Aceh, after discovering it had been imported illegally from Thailand without proper authorization.

23/11/2025 [jakartaglobe](#)



Indonesia



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

A recent inspection by law-enforcement and customs agents at a meat-processing facility in Piacenza led to the seizure of about 2 000 kg of meat. The owner was fined EUR 25 500 and the irregular meat was confiscated. The seized products lacked proper stamping/markings and traceability, meaning they could not be certified as safe or compliant.

23/11/2025 [piacenzasera](#)



Italy



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A food-authority raid in Rawalpindi dismantled a network producing 15 000 l of adulterated milk made with dry powder and salt.

24/11/2025 [app](#)



Pakistan



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

A meat-processing company in Mantua reportedly thawed and re-processed expired meat, from South America, New Zealand and Eastern Europe, then re-packaged it with new expiry dates and put it back on the market. The repackaged meat was allegedly distributed to restaurants, supermarkets and possibly pet-food channels, prompting a food-safety alert and seizure orders from health authorities.

25/11/2025 [gazzettadimantova](#)



Italy



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)



Counterfeit

A large operation by the coast guard in Veneto led to the seizure of 42 t of octopus imported from Vietnam and India, originally labeled as Octopus membranaceus but actually belonging to different species. The octopuses had incorrect or misleading labeling.

25/11/2025 [ilgiornaledivicenza](#) [quibrescia](#)



Italy



Cephalopods and products thereof



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

During a coordinated raid near the wholesale market in Budapest, authorities seized about 6 000 kg of walnuts, 2 500 kg of grapes and several additional hundred kilograms of other vegetables and fruits whose origin could not be documented. The vendors, mostly Romanian nationals using trucks with hidden compartments, had no valid traceability or paperwork for the produce. Fines imposed by the customs authority may exceed EUR 22 000, and a food-safety investigation has been launched due to lack of proper marking and traceability.

26/11/2025 [trademagazin](#)



Hungary



Fruits and vegetables
Nuts, nut products and seeds



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

About 25 000 kg of expired chicken products, including döner, liver, tripe and sausage, were seized in an inspection in the Aksu district of Antalya. The items had passed their expiration date and had been repackaged for sale; all were confiscated and destroyed.

26/11/2025 [haberler](#)



Türkiye



Poultry meat and poultry meat products



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Former minister Jogi Ramesh was arrested after a major investigation uncovered that a network was producing and distributing fake liquor in his home state. Authorities found over 10 000 l of adulterated alcohol, and accused him of financing and directing the operation, with a suspected money trail of around EUR 330 000.

27/11/2025 [thehindu](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

About 14 880 single-dose tea bags labelled as “slimming teas” from brands Meridetox Tea Premium and Ozlex Tea, imported from Turkey, were seized by customs and financial police in the port of Trieste. Laboratory analysis found undeclared Sibutramina, a banned weight-loss drug, inside the tea.

27/11/2025 [farmacista33](#) [ilfattoalimentare](#) [torinocronaca](#)



Italy



Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea



Counterfeit

A police operation at Mercasevilla in Seville confiscated over 1 000 kg of seafood, including tuna, hake, sole and red mullet, because the products lacked the legally required traceability documentation and some fish were under-size for sale.

28/11/2025 [elpespunte](#)



Spain



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

During a roadside inspection in Hatay, authorities seized 1 t of meat lacking any veterinary health certificate and with unknown origin.

29/11/2025 [haberler](#)



Türkiye



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The Uganda Revenue Authorityt seized 10 t of wheat flour smuggled from Kenya hidden in a Fuso truck at the border.

29/11/2025 [monitor](#) [ghanaweb](#)



Uganda



Cereals and bakery
products



Grey market

Police in Medellín seized 17 296 empty bottles that were cleaned and ready to be refilled with allegedly adulterated whisky and tequila. Also confiscated were some 8 000 brand-logo stickers, 10 000 original caps, 300 fabric bags and 5 000 original boxes, materials intended to falsify legitimate liquor. This operation prevented hundreds or thousands of litres of dangerous alcohol (potentially containing toxic contaminants) from reaching consumers.

30/11/2025 [caracol](#) [infobae](#)



Colombia



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

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

[FFN monthly - European Commission](#)



EU



Food

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