

Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud and Adulteration

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Food Fraud Cases

In December 2025, Colombian authorities seized contraband and counterfeit goods worth EUR 1.7 million during "Plan Navidad" operations. The seizures included thousands of units of mislabelled or adulterated liquor and various food products lacking sanitary records.

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Colombia



Alcoholic beverages
Other food products/
mixed



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Grey market
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities in Bogotá dismantled a distribution center for counterfeit alcohol, seizing more than 4 000 bottles and boxes of various spirits (whiskey, rum, vodka, and champagne) valued at approximately EUR 92 500.

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Colombia



Alcoholic beverages
Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Counterfeit

Italian authorities seized 180 t of expired meat. The company allegedly altered expiration dates and health certificates to resell unfit food.

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Italy



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Italian authorities in Naples seized 11 000 bottles of Campari and Cinzano. The operation resulted in the confiscation of illicit goods, which were intended for the holiday market. Investigators found that the products lacked proper traceability and featured forged excise stamps.

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Italy



Alcoholic beverages
Counterfeit
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Police in Jamtara seized a massive consignment of spurious liquor worth approximately EUR 41 000 intended for Bihar. The operation resulted in the confiscation of 5 400 bottles, along with 78 gallons (3 120 l) of spirit concealed in bags of snacks inside a truck. Four alleged smugglers were arrested during the operation.

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

During a national inspection of 350 buffets and restaurants in Hungary, authorities confiscated 1 300 kg of non-compliant food products and imposed total fines of approximately EUR 44 700. The operation resulted in 85 legal procedures and the immediate closure of 25 units due to severe traceability and safety issues.

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Hungary



Food



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Police in Treinta y Tres seized over 3 t of smuggled chicken breasts being transported in a truck without proper refrigeration. The Brazilian-origin poultry was entering Uruguay illegally to avoid customs and health controls..

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Uruguay



Poultry meat and poultry meat products



Grey market

Authorities in Quito dismantled a criminal network, seizing approximately 10 000 bottles of adulterated liquor and 2 000 l of artisanal alcohol. The counterfeit goods included forged labels of recognized brands and 10 000 dispensers.

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Ecuador



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Ahmedabad police seized 53 369 bottles of illicit liquor from a truck on the SP Ring Road. The seized alcohol is valued at approximately EUR 110 000, and the operation is classified as Grey Market as the cargo was hidden under animal hair to evade prohibition laws...

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Cypriot authorities seized over 1 000 bottles of counterfeit vodka in a coordinated operation at four premises Nicosia. According to the authorities, a search of the premises revealed a total of 434 bottles of 1 l each and 568 bottles of 0.7 l, infringing the property rights of a well-known brand of alcoholic beverages.

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Cyprus



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

Authorities in Barranquilla dismantled a clandestine factory. In the warehouse, which had no business name and was hidden among residential properties, the officers found two alcohol storage tanks with a capacity of 10 000 millilitres each, a bottling machine, more than 7 000 bottles ready to be filled and another 2 000 in the process, as well as 20 000 caps, 1 000 stamps and 2 000 counterfeit security seals.

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Colombia



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Counterfeit
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

ASAE seized 2 425 l of adulterated oil and 1 217 counterfeit labels during the operation in Porto. This food fraud involved a product consisting of vegetable oil flavored with dyes to mimic authentic olive oil.

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Portugal



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Indian-Made Foreign Liquor worth nearly EUR 160 600 was seized in separate raids in Mundra and Aravalli districts, indicating illegal import and distribution activities.

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Authorities in Biankouma, arrested 4 fraudulent cocoa buyers for engaging in Misdescription/Mislabelling and Document forgery by attempting to bypass official pricing and trade regulations.

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Côte d'Ivoire



Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea



Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

South African police dismantled an illegal alcohol production plant in Lansdowne and confiscated counterfeit goods, including alcohol with fake brand labels. Two suspects were arrested for manufacturing and distributing illegal alcohol.

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South Africa



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Turkish authorities conducted a massive nationwide operation against counterfeit alcohol, seizing 119 564 bottles of illicit liquids. The confiscated goods included 48 425 l of ethyl alcohol and 2 792 l of illegal beverages. This coordinated raid across 81 provinces led to the detention of 169 suspects and the dismantling of 12 illegal production sites.

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Türkiye



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Counterfeit

The Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force confiscated 13 812 bottles of illicit liquor, hidden beneath sacks of potatoes in a truck. This smuggling operation, intended for distribution in Bihar, resulted in the arrest of one individual and the seizure of the vehicle and a mobile phone.

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Italian authorities seized 2 800 kg of clams in Goro (Ferrara), issuing fines totaling EUR 27 000. This food fraud case involved mollusks transported without proper documentation, preventing their legal entry into the market.

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Italy



Bivalve molluscs and products thereof



Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Hungarian authorities seized 4 t of processed meat products during a roadside inspection in Röszke. The shipment lacked required traceability documents and proper temperature control.

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Hungary



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



Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities in Sonbhadra confiscated 5 960 265 l of illicit Punjab-made liquor, comprising 15 669 bottles, after a truck overturned. The seized shipment, valued at approximately EUR 47 000, was concealed under sacks of rice to evade taxes during transit to Jharkhand.

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The Malaysian Border Agency confiscated non-compliant food products at the Bukit Kayu Hitam border, valued at approximately EUR 13 500. The seizure included vegetables lacking mandatory certification and seafood (vannamei prawns, giant freshwater prawns, fish, and oyster meat) that exceeded declared amounts.

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Malaysia



Crustaceans and products thereof



Fish and fish products



Fruits and vegetables



Document forgery



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities in northern Morocco seized over 6 500 l of adulterated olive oil, targeting fraudulent practices in production areas. The seized oils were found to be non-authentic mixtures sold to unsuspecting consumers.

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Morocco



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities uncovered a Grey Market fraud where thousands of tons of Anna Bhagya subsidy rice were illegally diverted for export to Dubai and Singapore. Police confiscated approximately 3 000 t of food supplies during raids in December 2025.

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India



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Police in Ahmedabad confiscated 7 108 bottles of illicit liquor hidden inside 1 144 boxes of Bournvita chocolate drink. The seized alcohol, including 750 ml and 180 ml whisky and rum bottles, was valued at approximately EUR 41 000. Authorities also seized a container truck, a car, and a motorcycle, bringing the total value of confiscated assets to nearly EUR 146 000.

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The excise department in Gaya confiscated approximately 13 320 bottles of illicit foreign liquor, with an estimated market value of EUR 37 000. The product was seized during regular raids on a truck and in Mufassil. The operation resulted in the arrest of the truck driver and the confiscation of 320 cartons used to conceal the illegal shipment.

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India



Alcoholic beverages

Grey market



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A 75-year-old woman and four relatives were arrested in South Africa for allegedly selling rotten and expired food for human consumption. The suspects are accused of repackaging decomposed food and distributing it illegally. Authorities discovered large quantities of unsafe food stored on a farm, along with related equipment and vehicles.

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South Africa



Food



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Police seized 15 552 bottles of illicit liquor worth approximately EUR 190 000 hidden inside a cement bulker truck. The 1 296 confiscated cartons were being smuggled into Ahmedabad for New Year celebrations. The total seizure, including the vehicle and assets, is valued at EUR 216 000, measured by a transport capacity of one heavy-duty truck.

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market



Türkiye



Food



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities in Antalya, Turkey uncovered a food fraud operation in which expired products were being relabelled with new expiration dates to make them appear safe for sale. The scheme was discovered during an inspection by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. Officials found equipment used to print and replace labels, confirming deliberate consumer deception. All affected products were seized and destroyed to protect public health.

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Police in Kwekwe intercepted a truck and confiscated 13.96 T of food products. The operation involved 698 bags (20 kg each) of fake Huletts sugar. The seized goods, valued at approximately EUR 12 400, were being delivered to a local wholesale outlet without authorization. Four suspects were arrested for violating the Trade Marks Act following verification by the brand's loss control officers.

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Zimbabwe
Food additives and flavourings
Other food products/ mixed
Counterfeit
Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Moroccan customs authorities dismantled a large network of illegal warehouses used to store smuggled and counterfeit goods across several regions. The operation uncovered clandestine depots hidden as farms and stables, run by organized fraud networks using shell companies. Investigators identified major customs and tax fraud through falsified import documents and international data analysis. Seized goods included adulterated alcohol and spoiled spices.

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Morocco
Alcoholic beverages
Herbs and spices
Document forgery
Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Turkish authorities confiscated exactly 1.9 t of beef that was being transported illegally in an unrefrigerated vehicle in the Efeler district. The meat lacked health stamps, origin documentation, and proper thermal control. The illicit shipment was destroyed by officials to prevent it from entering the local market.

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Türkiye
Meat and meat products (other than poultry)
Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Burkina Faso's National Coordination for the Fight against Fraud seized over 30 t of rice that was being illegally repackaged. The operation targeted a warehouse where low-quality or expired rice was transferred into high-end brand bags.

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Burkina Faso
Cereals and bakery products
Counterfeit
Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Colombian authorities upheld sanctions against four dairy companies after detecting the illegal addition of lactoserum to milk. The investigation involved the analysis of thousands of liters of product, resulting in fines totaling approximately EUR 2.7 million.

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Colombia
Milk and milk products
Adulteration/ Product tampering
Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Authorities seized various quantities including 12 bottles of Haryana-sourced spirits and 1 100 l of illicit wash. The operation targeted illegal transport and sale, resulting in the dismantling of three distilleries and the arrest of multiple individuals.

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India
Alcoholic beverages
Grey market
Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The Genoa Coast Guard seized 6 t of expired and untraceable seafood (cephalopods) during an inspection in Milan. The operation resulted in fines totaling EUR 3 500 for serious violations regarding food safety and storage.

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Italy
Cephalopods and products thereof
Document forgery
Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The Portuguese Food and Economic Safety Authority seized 563 kg of frozen meat from a meat processing operator in Faro after inspections found serious irregularities in traceability, freezing and packaging practices that violated food-safety laws. The meat was judged abnormal and potentially unsafe, triggering both criminal and administrative actions against the operator.

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Portugal
Meat and meat products (other than poultry)
Document forgery
Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The Turkish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry added 36 new products to its official food blacklist of counterfeit or adulterated items that pose health risks, including olive oil, yogurt and honey. Recent tests found misleading labelling and contamination issues, such as starch in "plain" yogurt and mixed seed oils in supposed olive oil.

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|  | Türkiye |
|  | Fats and oils |
|  | Honey and royal jelly |
|  | Milk and milk products |
|  | Adulteration/ Product tampering |
|  | Counterfeit |

Authorities in Valledupar seized over 3 000 bottles of illicit liquor at the Mercabastos market. The products lacked legal tax stamps and health registrations required for sale.

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|  | Colombia |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

Authorities in Gurugram conducted a major raid at "The Theka Wine Shop," seizing approximately 40 000 bottles (3 900 cases) of illicit foreign liquor worth EUR 1.1 million. The products lacked valid holograms and were smuggled illegally into a licensed outlet to evade taxes. All units were confiscated during the evening operation after complaints revealed the sale of untracked goods. This seizure represents the largest ever recorded at a single high-end liquor vend in the state.

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|  | India |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Document forgery Grey market Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

Italian authorities conducted a major raid in Rome's Esquiline district, seizing 1.5 t of irregular food products, including meat and fish. The operation resulted in fines of EUR 50 000, as the products lacked traceability and the appropriate health certifications. All non-compliant food items were confiscated and destroyed during the inspection to ensure public safety.

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|  | Italy |
|  | Fish and fish products |
|  | Meat and meat products |
|  | (other than poultry) Other food products/ mixed |
|  | Document forgery Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

The Punjab Food Authority recently sealed a production unit, confiscating and destroying 36 000 kg of hazardous marmalade and fruit preserves. The facility used textile dyes, artificial sweeteners, and rotten fruit without proper labelling.

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|  | Pakistan |
|  | Confectionery |
|  | Adulteration/ Product tampering Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

The State Excise Department confiscated an illegal shipment of Indian-made foreign liquor valued at approximately EUR 46 900. The vehicle was carrying several hundred kilograms of illicit alcohol, specifically 1 000 cartons of liquor and beer, which were seized immediately after the accident.

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|  | India |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Grey market |

Customs officials in Tenkodogo seized a major shipment of smuggled liquor concealed within a large transport vehicle. The operation resulted in the confiscation of 363 cartons of smuggled alcoholic beverages, including vodka, whisky, scotch, sangria and other spirits, intended for illicit distribution during the year-end festive season. The products lacked the mandatory tax stamps and legal documentation required for the region.

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|  | Burkina Faso |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Document forgery Grey market Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

The Navi Mumbai Excise Department seized 1 550 boxes of illicit Indian-made foreign liquor worth approximately EUR 170 000. Goa-manufactured alcohol was being smuggled into Maharashtra to evade taxes and bypass local bans. While no specific food quantities were confiscated other than the alcoholic beverages, the entire shipment was intercepted during a special drive for the Christmas and New Year season.

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|  | India |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Grey market |

The Ahmedabad Police Control Branch confiscated 15 996 bottles of illicit Indian Made Foreign Liquor valued at approximately EUR 72 600. The illegal shipment was smuggled and concealed beneath cartons of fresh oranges to evade prohibition laws.

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|  | India |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Grey market Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

The Guardia di Finanza in Termoli seized approximately 1.5 t of illegally caught fish and 300 kg of fish lacking proper documentation. The operation involved several commercial activities where officers confiscated the fish to protect public health. The administrative fines imposed on the offenders totaled exceed EUR 200 000, as the products were deemed unsafe due to the lack of information regarding their origin and processing.

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|  | Italy |
|  | Fish and fish products |
|  | Document forgery Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

The Islamabad Food Authority dismantled a massive production unit in Khanna Syedan that was manufacturing 100 000 l of synthetic milk daily. The criminal operation involved mixing powder, water, and vegetable ghee to sell a hazardous liquid as pure milk. Authorities confiscated and destroyed 50 000 liters of prepared fake milk, along with 105 bags of powder and 250 tins of oil.

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|  | Pakistan |
|  | Milk and milk products |
|  | Adulteration/ Product tampering |

South Africa's agriculture minister confirmed that fake or adulterated honey has been found mainly in informal, non-franchise outlets, not major supermarkets, raising consumer and industry concerns; inspectors seized 1 059 honey-like syrups and 388 mislabelled products. These fake products are often diluted with cheaper sweeteners, misleading buyers and depressing prices for real beekeepers.

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|  | South Africa |
|  | Honey and royal jelly |
|  | Adulteration/ Product tampering Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |
|  | Italy |
|  | Meat and meat products (other than poultry) |

Authorities in northern Italy seized thousands of kilograms of beef linked to suspected food fraud after a TV inquiry showed expired frozen meat being thawed, relabelled and redistributed. About 1 500 kg destined for cruise ship catering were pulled from the market, 100 kg delivered to a restaurant were already consumed, and 3 000 kg sent to a pet food producer had also been used, prompting health officials to block and confiscate additional lots while investigations continue.

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|  | Pakistan |
|  | Milk and milk products |
|  | Adulteration/ Product tampering Counterfeit |
|  | Pakistan |

In a joint intelligence-based operation, Pakistan Rangers Sindh and Customs enforcement seized a large consignment of smuggled goods hidden in warehouses near Yousuf Goth and Hub River Road. The confiscated food items included significant quantities of dry milk, Iranian toffees and chocolates, Chinese salt, dairy milk cream, and other assorted food items, transported in 10 trucks.

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|  | Pakistan |
|  | Confectionery Milk and milk products Other food products/ mixed |
|  | Grey market |

The Guardia di Finanza in Fasano (Brindisi) dismantled a food fraud operation involving the seizure of 391 l of product. The primary fraud type was Adulteration, as laboratory tests revealed a mixture of olive and seed oils sold as "100% Italian extra virgin olive oil," along with Misbranding due to labels lacking mandatory traceability information.

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Italy



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The Uganda Revenue Authority intercepted a truck along the Tororo-Jinja highway carrying 3.2 t of smuggled Kenyan rice. The contraband was strategically hidden beneath a consignment of cement bags to evade detection and tax obligations.

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Uganda



Cereals and bakery products
Grey market



The Kalyan Excise Vigilance team intercepted a container on the Mumbai-Nashik highway, seizing illicit liquor worth approximately EUR 93 600. The alcohol was found hidden behind a consignment of Maggi noodles inside a large vehicle used as cover to evade taxes. Authorities confiscated the entire illegal shipment, which was being smuggled from Goa and Madhya Pradesh for New Year celebrations.

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Police in Jharkhand seized 25 440 bottles of illegal foreign liquor worth about EUR 110 000 being smuggled from Uttar Pradesh to Bihar, resulting in the driver's arrest.

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Jorhat police seized 20 000 l of illicit country liquor 'Sulai' and destroyed 10 distillation units in a crackdown on illegal liquor trade. The operation targeted the production infrastructure and confiscated raw materials used in bootleg liquor production. 'Sulai' is often adulterated with toxic substances, posing a deadly threat to economically vulnerable workers.

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Grey market

Trinidad and Tobago police dismantled a major smuggling ring, seizing illicit alcohol and cigarettes from Suriname valued at approximately EUR 1.25 million. The products lacked legal import permits and tax documentation.

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Trinidad and Tobago



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Turkish authorities detained 66 suspects and seized large quantities of counterfeit and smuggled alcohol in nationwide raids, uncovering illegal production facilities.

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Türkiye



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit



Grey market

The Philippine National Police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group seized EUR 1.43 million worth of frozen food without permits in Navotas City, potentially involving illegal smuggling and posing safety risks.

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Philippines



Fish and fish products
Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Grey market

40 t of smuggled wheat were seized, indicating unauthorized sales channels.

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Pakistan

Cereals and bakery products
Grey market

Authorities uncovered a collection of 900 bottles of exclusive French and Italian wine smuggled into Albania valued at EUR 1 000 000. The goods were illegally imported to evade EUR 300 000 in customs duties. But the wine collection disappeared in an unprecedented manner, after it was blocked by Bureau of Investigation officers and the Customs Investigation Directorate. Currently, no physical quantities remain confiscated as the product "disappeared without a trace" from the owner's villa.

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Albania

Wine
Grey market

The Punjab Food Authority in Multan disposed of 222 000 l of adulterated milk and 40 000 rotten eggs as part of their enforcement operations against food fraud.

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Pakistan

Eggs and egg products
Milk and milk products
Adulteration/ Product tampering

In 2025, Brazil's Anvisa and the Ministry of Agriculture banned 25 olive oil brands, as lab tests revealed the illegal presence of other vegetable oils. The article highlights the extensive list of prohibited brands and the reasons for the ban on oils.

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Brazil

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

Colombian authorities seized over 10 000 bottles in 2025 of illicit liquor and identified 56 000 additional units in official warehouses. The fraud involves hazardous substances like methanol and forged tax stamps.

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Colombia

Alcoholic beverages
Adulteration/ Product tampering
Counterfeit

Authorities at Linate Airport seized 6.5 t of dangerous food products, including animal and plant-based products. The confiscated goods were smuggled in by passengers from various countries, posing a risk of introducing infectious diseases.

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Italy

Food
Grey market

Malaysian authorities seized 41 t of smuggled rice valued at approximately EUR 298 000 near the northern border. The products bypassed official trade channels and lacked proper documentation.

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Malaysia

Cereals and bakery products
Grey market

The Delhi Crime Branch dismantled a major food fraud syndicate involved in Product Tampering and Mislabelling of expired international goods. Authorities confiscated a massive shipment of branded food and baby formula valued at approximately EUR 400 000, which was being illegally repackaged with fake barcodes and forged expiry dates.

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India

Other food products/
mixed
Adulteration/ Product tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

During the "Fish Net" operation conducted in December 2025, the Italian Coast Guard seized approximately 130 t of seafood products across the national territory. The operation involved lack of traceability and expired products intended for holiday consumption.

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Italy



Fish and fish products



Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

In December 2025, Bari authorities seized 5 000 kg of frozen fish lacking mandatory traceability. The confiscated seafood, intended for Christmas consumption.

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Italy



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A parallel black market for fish products was discovered in Italy, involving illegal fishing beyond quotas and selling without traceability or proper documentation. Police confiscated approximately 3 800 kg of clams, 700 kg of fish products and imposed fines totaling EUR 28 000 against the offenders.

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Italy



Bivalve molluscs and
products thereof



Fish and fish products



Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

10 900 kg of stolen coffee products valued at over EUR 83 000 were seized at a warehouse in Melrose Park.

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United States



Cocoa and cocoa
preparations, coffee and
tea



Grey market

Delhi Police busted a massive food fraud racket seizing 43 762 kg of expired food products. The confiscated stock included 14 665 l of beverages, 6 047 kg of snacks, biscuits, wafers, candies and chocolates, and 23 050 kg of sauces, all recovered at multiple locations in Pahari Dheeraj and Faiz Ganj in Delhi's Sadar Bazar.

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India



Cocoa and cocoa
preparations, coffee and
tea



Confectionery
Soups, broths, sauces and
condiments



Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

A large consignment of Indian-made foreign liquor was seized from a warehouse in Ahmedabad, as part of a crackdown against illegal liquor sales. The consignment included 1 152 liquor bottles valued at EUR 13 600, and three individuals were arrested under the Gujarat Prohibition Act.

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India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

Over 85 000 packages of instant noodles were seized at the port of Genova-Prà destined for the Italian market. The shipment was seized after lab tests confirmed the presence of unauthorized animal proteins that were intentionally omitted from the Italian labels to bypass health controls, violating EU food safety regulations.

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Italy



Cereals and bakery
products



Document forgery
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Cofepris issued an alert regarding three falsified batches of baby milk formula, posing health risks due to non-compliance with sanitary regulations.

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Mexico



Milk and milk products



Counterfeit

A major raid in Muğla, Türkiye, led to the seizure of 1 t of counterfeit alcohol before it could be released into the market. The operation resulted in the detention of 5 suspects.

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|  | Türkiye |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Counterfeit |

Border Police in Costa Rica seized 10 000 units of smuggled alcohol due to tax evasion and lack of invoices. The confiscation included 8 664 units of beer, 960 units of flavored vodka/spirits, 408 units of rum with cola, and 32 l of pure rum. The illegal merchandise was intercepted in a truck in the La Gamba sector, Guaycará de Golfito.

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|  | Costa Rica |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Grey market |
|  | Argentina |
|  | Fats and oils |
|  | Adulteration/ Product tampering |
|  | Counterfeit |
|  | Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

Federal authorities in Puerto Iguazú dismantled a major food fraud operation of olive oil, where illegal shipments worth approximately EUR 420 000 per week were moved. The oils had been marketed under the brand name 'Viejo Olivar', although packaging, labels and presentations from brands widely recognised in the domestic market, such as 'Molinos Río de la Plata' and 'Cocinero', had also been used. These adulterated oils, which were deemed unfit for human consumption, were being distributed to local restaurants and food shops. The investigation continues with one suspect in custody.

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Dahod police seized Indian Made Foreign Liquor worth EUR 146 000 from a village near the Gujarat-Madhya Pradesh border. More than 25 000 bottles of liquor were recovered from a truck, indicating illegal transport and trade.

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|  | India |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Grey market |

The Kondhwa police in Pune seized over EUR 173 920 and liquor worth EUR 1 930 during a raid on an illicit liquor den, indicating illegal trade and smuggling of alcoholic beverages.

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|  | India |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Grey market |

Bodegas in Sevilla are accused of selling wines falsely labelled with Denomination of Origin Protections and Indication Geographical Protections from Condado de Huelva, exploiting the prestige of these labels without meeting legal requirements.

26/12/2025 [huelva24](#)

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|  | Spain |
|  | Wine |
|  | Counterfeit |
|  | Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

Authorities confirmed the seizure of over 600 units of expired food products. A business owner in Bahrain was jailed and fined approximately EUR 230 000. The criminal operation involved Product tampering by removing original expiry dates and replacing them with forged labels to extend shelf life illegally.

27/12/2025 [gulf-insider](#)

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|---|---|
|  | Bahrain |
|  | Food |
|  | Adulteration/ Product tampering |
|  | Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

Authorities uncovered a case involving expired gyros meat. In December, the National Food Chain Safety Office confiscated 1.3 t of meat products that lacked traceability or had their expiry dates manipulated.

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

Authorities seized 828 units of expired food products, including candies, cookies, coffee and panettones, from 10 food shops in Iñaquito. The expiration dates were altered to resell hazardous goods.

28/12/2025 [expreso](#)

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|  | Ecuador |
|  | Cereals and bakery products |
|  | Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea |
|  | Confectionery |
|  | Adulteration/ Product tampering |
|  | Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

A wholesaler in Sestri Levante was fined EUR 32 000 for selling expired and untraceable fish products. Authorities seized 130 t of products.

28/12/2025 [ilsecoloxix](#)

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|  | Italy |
|  | Fish and fish products |
|  | Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

The Punjab Food Authority discarded 5 500 litres of milk and 640 kg of diseased poultry in Lahore. The seizure involved milk contaminated with powders and chemicals to increase volume, alongside unfit meat.

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|  | Pakistan |
|  | Milk and milk products |
|  | Poultry meat and poultry meat products |
|  | Adulteration/ Product tampering |

Food safety authorities in Dera Ismail Khan seized 1 100 l of expired non-alcoholic beverages during a market inspection.

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|  | Pakistan |
|  | Non-alcoholic beverages |
|  | Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

Armenian authorities intercepted an illegal attempt to sell 965 kg of horse meat lacking proper documentation. The food safety regulator confiscated and destroyed the entire shipment, which was intended for markets in Yerevan and Vanadzor, to prevent the sale of products of unknown origin.

30/12/2025 [arka](#)

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|---|---|
|  | Armenia |
|  | Meat and meat products (other than poultry) |
|  | Document forgery |
|  | Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

Customs officers at the Kapitan Andreevo checkpoint seized 40 t of smuggled vegetables from three trucks entering from Turkey. The goods were not declared in the transit documents.

30/12/2025 [bta](#)

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|  | Bulgaria |
|  | Fruits and vegetables |
|  | Document forgery |
|  | Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

An underground workshop in Bishkek was discovered producing counterfeit vodka, involving illegal production and questionable excise stamps. Officers confiscated 110 l of artisanal alcohol, 122 units of counterfeit alcoholic products, and 2 180 forged excise stamps.

30/12/2025 [24](#)

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|---|---|
|  | Kyrgyzstan |
|  | Alcoholic beverages |
|  | Counterfeit |
|  | Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding |

The Bolivian Navy seized illicit pork valued at approximately EUR 54 000 during an operation at Lake Titicaca. Authorities confiscated 128 slaughtered pigs and 60 live pigs found in two abandoned vessels without legal documentation, preventing their smuggling into Peru.

31/12/2025 [eju](#)



Bolivia



Live animals
Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
Grey market



The KP Food Authority confiscated 2 300 kg of banned Chinese salt and unsafe meat during operations in Peshawar and Nowshera. The seized items were discarded on the spot and premises were sealed.

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Pakistan



Food additives and
flavourings
Poultry meat and poultry
meat products
Grey market
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding



A court in Ukraine ordered the destruction of hundreds of kilograms of counterfeit Lavazza coffee produced and sold under the guise of well-known brands. The operation involved large-scale production and sale through various channels, leading to legal actions against the perpetrators.

31/12/2025 [biz.liga](#)



Ukraine



Cocoa and cocoa
preparations, coffee and
tea
Counterfeit



Vietnam police dismantled a major smuggling ring that illegally imported nearly 50 000 units of health supplements from Canada. Authorities confiscated an entire container of supplements valued at EUR 1.5 million, including Hydro Whey Zero products in chocolate, vanilla and strawberry flavours under the Biotech brand. The crackdown, part of a security operation for the 2026 Lunar New Year, resulted in criminal proceedings against three individuals for smuggling.

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Vietnam



Dietetic foods, food
supplements, fortified
foods
Grey market



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Report on EU agri-food fraud suspicions

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