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## Food Fraud Monthly Report: Evidence-Based Analysis on Food Fraud Incidents

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### Food Fraud incidents

A man was arrested in Coimbatore district for illegally selling liquor. Police discovered that the alcohol was being supplied from stock kept at a local Tasmac bar and seized 1 300 liquor bottles intended for illegal sale

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Source: [timesofindia](#)



India  
Alcoholic beverages  
Grey market

Costa Rican police seized more than 12 000 bottles and cans of allegedly smuggled alcoholic and energy drinks during an operation near Route 4 in Horquetas, Sarapiquí. The confiscated goods included over 7 000 units of beer, over 2 000 energy drinks, nearly 2 000 rum-and-cola drinks, as well as unspecified quantities of wine and whisky

Date: 03/05/2026

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Costa Rica  
Alcoholic beverages  
Grey market

Authorities seized approximately 600 l of illicit liquor during a joint operation targeting illegal outlets in several areas of Shillong

Date: 04/05/2026

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India  
Alcoholic beverages  
Grey market

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| <p>Authorities seized and destroyed more than 9 500 kg of dead chickens intended for sale in Lahore, Pakistan. Authorities also discarded over 40 kg of prohibited food colours and expired products during inspections of 36 food businesses and suppliers</p> <p>Date: 04/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">urdupoint</a></p>                                                           | <br><br><br>  | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Poultry meat and poultry meat products</p> <p>Other food products/ mixed Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> |
| <p>Three people were arrested in India for allegedly smuggling 1 t of rice intended for distribution through the Public Distribution System (PDS). The subsidised rice was being illegally diverted from its designated distribution channel, indicating an attempt to obtain economic gain through unauthorised trade</p> <p>Date: 05/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">thehindu</a></p> | <br><br>                                                                                        | <p>India</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                              |
| <p>Authorities raided a bakery in Jahanian and stopped the production of bakery products using rotten and insect-infested eggs. Authorities destroyed approximately 5 000 spoiled eggs and 220 kg of egg yolk intended for cakes, pastries and rusks</p> <p>Date: 06/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">urdupoint</a></p>                                                                  | <br><br><br> | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Eggs and egg products</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>          |
| <p>Four suspects allegedly smuggled cocoa beans from Côte d'Ivoire into Ghana. They were arrested at Nkrankwanta in the Dormaa West Municipality after authorities intercepted a truck carrying more than 100 bags of cocoa beans</p> <p>Date: 07/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">myjoyonline</a></p>                                                                                   | <br><br>                                                                                  | <p>Ghana</p> <p>Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                             |
| <p>North Macedonian authorities intercepted 40 t (572 400 eggs) imported from Serbia that were allegedly intended to be falsely labelled and sold as eggs of Macedonian origin. The unmarked eggs were detected at the Tabanovce border crossing and were declared unsafe and destroyed at the Drisla landfill</p> <p>Date: 07/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">slobodenpecat</a></p>    | <br><br>                                                                                  | <p>North Macedonia</p> <p>Eggs and egg products</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                            |

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| <p>More than 2 000 bags of wheat were seized from a warehouse allegedly used for illegal hoarding in Chak Lakhiwal, Sargodha District, Pakistan</p> <p>Date: 07/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">urdupoint</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                       |
| <p>Italian Coast Guard officers seized over 5 100 kg of seafood from a wholesale business in Rome after detecting serious traceability and expiry-date irregularities. The seized products included shrimp, squid, octopus and bluefin tuna, with no documentation proving their origin; some products had expired as far back as 2024</p> <p>Date: 07/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">romatoday</a> <a href="#">pubblicaitalia</a></p> | <br><br><br><br> | <p>Italy</p> <p>Crustaceans and products thereof</p> <p>Cephalopods and products thereof</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p> |
| <p>A Honduran man was arrested in Guatemala, while allegedly attempting to smuggle 94 962 bottles of liquor and beer into the country</p> <p>Date: 07/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">lahora</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Guatemala</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                              |
| <p>Authorities in Sargodha district seized 14 250 bags of wheat during coordinated raids targeting illegal hoarding and transportation</p> <p>Date: 08/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">app</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                       |
| <p>Police operations targeting alcohol smuggling in Istanbul seized 2 350 l of ethyl/methyl alcohol suspected of being intended for alcoholic beverage production and 91 bottles of counterfeit liquor</p> <p>Date: 08/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">haberler</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                 | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Türkiye</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                                |

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| <p>Authorities inspected 11 food units in Lahore, sealing eight and imposing fines on five outlets for serious food safety violations</p> <p>Date: 09/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">urdupoint</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <br><br><br><br><br><br> | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Fruits and vegetables</p> <p>Soups, broths, sauces and condiments</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Other food products/ mixed</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> |
| <p>Authorities registered 906 cases and arrested 290 people in a statewide crackdown on illegal liquor production, transport and sales. Officials seized 3 799 l of country liquor, 926 l of Indian-made foreign liquor, 1 443 l of beer and 6 255 l of illicit country-made liquor.</p> <p>Date: 10/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">hindustantimes</a></p>                                                                                                              | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>India</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>More than 1 000 t of expired salt were seized in Koudougou after authorities uncovered a scheme to repackage products that had expired one to two years earlier. The salt was transferred into new packaging and given falsified expiry dates before being placed back on the market. Some of the expired salt was also used as an ingredient in spices produced by the same company</p> <p>Date: 10/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">netafrique</a></p>               | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Burkina Faso</p> <p>Soups, broths, sauces and condiments</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Police in Ludhiana, India, dismantled a liquor fraud operation that refilled discarded premium-brand bottles with low-quality spirits and resealed them to resemble genuine imported products. More than 500 empty bottles from brands such as Glenlivet, Chivas Regal and Hendrick's Gin were found, together with 16 l of bulk liquor intended for bottling</p> <p>Date: 11/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">timesofindia</a></p>                                    | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>India</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Counterfeit</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>Authorities in India seized 15 000 kg of suspected adulterated honey. Samples were sent for laboratory testing to determine their composition and purity. The suspected fraud involves honey potentially adulterated with cheaper substances such as sugar or jaggery syrups, glucose, starch, artificial sweeteners or other additives, thereby reducing its authenticity and deceiving consumers</p> <p>Date: 11/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">indiatimes</a></p> | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>India</p> <p>Honey and royal jelly</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <p>Police in Hyderabad, Pakistan, arrested 12 people in several operations targeting the illegal possession and distribution of gutka, Mainpuri and alcoholic beverages. Authorities seized approximately 9 790 gutka sachets, 300 additional gutka packets, 460 Mainpuri packets and 50 bottles of liquor</p> <p>Date: 11/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">urdupoint</a></p>                                                                        | <br><br><br>    | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Other food products/ mixed</p> <p>Grey market</p>      |
| <p>Italian Coast Guard officers seized 19 illegally caught bluefin tuna weighing more than 5 t from a fishing vessel intercepted off Palermo. Inspections found that the fish had been caught in excess of the quotas allocated to the vessel, constituting illegal fishing. The offenders received administrative fines totalling approximately EUR 10 000</p> <p>Date: 11/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">gazzettadelsud</a></p>                  | <br><br>                                                                                          | <p>Italy</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                        |
| <p>During nighttime inspections in Armenia, Colombia, authorities found opened bottles containing allegedly adulterated alcoholic beverages. The products were immediately discarded to protect consumers. In a separate establishment, imported alcoholic beverages suspected of having entered the country through smuggling were also detected</p> <p>Date: 11/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">cronicadelquindio</a></p>                         | <br><br><br> | <p>Colombia</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> <p>Grey market</p> |
| <p>Police in Córdoba, Colombia, arrested a suspected distributor involved in the production and sale of adulterated alcoholic beverages. Authorities seized 320 l of liquid resembling alcohol and 270 empty 1-l bottles with labels, allegedly intended for bottling and distribution</p> <p>Date: 11/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">elheraldo</a></p>                                                                                            | <br><br>                                                                                    | <p>Colombia</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                    |
| <p>Police uncovered an illegal spurious liquor factory operating from a house in Upper Khakhara village, India, and arrested two men involved in its production. Authorities seized 250 cases of counterfeit foreign liquor, 1 800 l of prepared liquor, and 1 600 l of spirit, together with duplicate bottle caps, wrappers, empty containers and other production materials</p> <p>Date: 12/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">timesofindia</a></p> | <br><br>                                                                                    | <p>India</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Counterfeit</p>                                           |

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| <p>Spanish authorities seized 126 kg of illegally caught Atlantic bluefin tuna after inspecting a vehicle near the eastern coast of Fuerteventura. The individuals admitted catching the tuna without the required recreational fishing authorisation, and investigators found indications that the catch was intended for commercial sale, which is prohibited for recreational fisheries</p> <p>Date: 12/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">elespanol</a> <a href="#">elespanol</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                  | <br><br>                                                                                               | <p>Spain</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                     |
| <p>A clandestine distillery linked to a winery in the Oderzo area was uncovered after authorities stopped a van carrying 750 l of wine without mandatory traceability documents. Investigators seized 11 000 l of undeclared white wine, over 110 l of grappa and 50 l of liqueur without required labels and tax stamps. A further 500 l of illegally produced grappa and 1 500 kg of grape pomace intended for distillation were seized at the illegal facility. The distiller and winery owner were reported for clandestine alcohol production and excise-duty evasion</p> <p>Date: 13/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">oggitreviso</a> <a href="#">askanews</a></p> | <br><br><br>         | <p>Italy</p> <p>Wine</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                            |
| <p>Punjab Food Authority inspectors sealed six food production units in Lahore after finding serious food safety violations. Authorities discarded 84 000 kg of substandard butter, 28 000 kg of pickles and murabba, and 2 600 kg of desi ghee</p> <p>Date: 13/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">app</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <br><br><br> | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Fruits and vegetables</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> |
| <p>Costa Rican authorities raided a warehouse in central Santa Ana where a large quantity of allegedly smuggled alcoholic beverages was being stored. Authorities estimated that the warehouse contained from 15 000 to 18 000 units of various alcoholic beverages that had allegedly entered Costa Rica illegally</p> <p>Date: 13/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">crhoy</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <br><br>                                                                                         | <p>Costa Rica</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                   |
| <p>More than 8 400 bottles of wine and several bottles of beer suspected of being counterfeit/adulterated were seized from a warehouse in Curitiba, Brazil. The site allegedly operated as a distribution centre supplying fraudulent alcoholic beverages to shops and events across Curitiba and its metropolitan area</p> <p>Date: 13/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">tribunapr</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <br><br><br> | <p>Brazil</p> <p>Wine</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Counterfeit</p>                                           |

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| <p>Brazilian authorities seized approximately 48 t of VHP sugar at the export corridor of the Port of Paranaguá after preliminary tests detected excessive insoluble material, apparently sand. The material was allegedly added to the sugar, potentially to increase the weight of the shipment, indicating intentional adulteration</p> <p>Date: 14/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">globo</a></p> | <br><br>       | <p><b>Brazil</b><br/>Confectionery<br/>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                   |
| <p>Colombian police seized 209 bottles of suspected adulterated aguardiente. Officers detected irregularities including repeated serial numbers on security seals and QR codes flagged as blocked</p> <p>Date: 14/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">hsbnoticias</a></p>                                                                                                                                | <br><br>       | <p><b>Colombia</b><br/>Alcoholic beverages<br/>Counterfeit</p>                               |
| <p>Around 20 t of government rice (667 sacks) were seized during an alleged smuggling attempt in Bangladesh. The rice, bearing government seals, was being transported from a government food warehouse to a private rice mill without valid documentation</p> <p>Date: 15/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">bssnews</a></p>                                                                           | <br><br>       | <p><b>Bangladesh</b><br/>Cereals and bakery products<br/>Grey market</p>                     |
| <p>More than 75 000 eggs illegally imported from Ukraine were seized by Vienna's Market Authority. The eggs lacked mandatory stamps, proof of origin and traceability and did not comply with EU marketing standards</p> <p>Date: 15/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">krone</a></p>                                                                                                                   | <br><br> | <p><b>Austria</b><br/>Eggs and egg products<br/>Grey market</p>                              |
| <p>Authorities seized more than 1 000 bottles of suspected adulterated alcoholic beverages. The operation targeted the illicit trade of adulterated alcohol</p> <p>Date: 15/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">barrigaverde</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                     | <br><br> | <p><b>Dominican Republic</b><br/>Alcoholic beverages<br/>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> |

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| <p>Police seized approximately 4 000 l of suspected adulterated edible oil. The oil was found in 20 drums and was allegedly intended for illegal adulteration and subsequent distribution</p> <p>Date: 17/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">timesofindia</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>India</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Authorities seized and destroyed over 8 t of unquarantined pork, poultry and other animal products during a large-scale food-safety crackdown. Recent inspections intercepted about 5.5 t of chickens and ducks, 190 kg of chicken intestines, 500 kg of pork, and four pigs weighing around 500 kg, all lacking required quarantine, traceability or origin documentation. Authorities also detected illegal slaughtering operations and repeated transport of animal products without veterinary certification</p> <p>Date: 17/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">thestar</a></p>                                                          | <br><br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Vietnam</p> <p>Poultry meat and poultry meat products</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Live animals</p> <p>Document forgery</p>                                                                                                    |
| <p>Tunisian food-safety authorities seized 1 825 kg and 153 l of food unfit for consumption. The seizures included 731 kg mozzarella, 35 kg red meat, 10 kg poultry, 8 kg merguez, 4 kg shrimp, 10 kg fish, 22.5 l lemon juice, and about 850 kg traditional pastries. A further 177 kg and 131 l of lasagne, soft drinks, milk, cheese, fruit juice and yoghurt were seized. Violations involved unsafe transport/storage, broken cold-chain conditions, missing or inadequate labelling and traceability documents, expired products and products of unknown origin</p> <p>Date: 17/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">africanmanager</a></p> | <br><br><br><br><br><br> | <p>Tunisia</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Poultry meat and poultry meat products</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Other food products/ mixed</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p> |
| <p>Italian authorities seized more than 12 500 packages of dog food during an inspection of a specialised company in the Taranto area. Checks focused on product labelling, origin and traceability of the raw materials used</p> <p>Date: 18/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">ledicola</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Italy</p> <p>Pet food</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Malaysian authorities seized almost 170 t of frozen food products, during raids on warehouses, vehicles and distribution networks in Kajang. The seizure included 4 840 cartons of frozen pork, 410 cartons of frozen chicken wings and 115 cartons of frozen duck</p> <p>Date: 18/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">thestar</a> <a href="#">thestar</a> <a href="#">freemalaysiatoday</a> <a href="#">malaymail</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Malaysia</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Poultry meat and poultry meat products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                                            |

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| <p>Authorities seized 1 t of dead pearl mullet and 200 kg of live pearl mullet illegally caught during the species' protected breeding season</p> <p>Date: 19/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">haberler</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Türkiye</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Authorities recovered 1 880 t of wheat and 661 t of flour, resulting in 23 criminal cases</p> <p>Date: 19/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">app</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                            |
| <p>Bulgarian Authorities, seized 38 623 kg of animal products during an inspection of a local meat-processing plant</p> <p>Date: 20/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">bta</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Bulgaria</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Document forgery</p>                                                                                       |
| <p>Italian authorities carried out a nationwide operation targeting the fish and seafood supply chain, inspecting businesses involved in the production, storage and sale of fish and molluscs. The checks uncovered serious irregularities involving traceability, labelling, hygiene, conservation and the marketing of products unsuitable or potentially unsafe for consumption</p> <p>Date: 20/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">lamilano</a></p> | <br><br><br><br> | <p>Italy</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Bivalve molluscs and products thereof</p> <p>Cephalopods and products thereof</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p> |
| <p>Thirteen people were arrested after police dismantled a clandestine food-processing and packaging facility in Punta Cardón, Falcón State, Venezuela. Flour and rice were packed using the names of well-known commercial brands, indicating deliberate imitation of legitimate branded products</p> <p>Date: 20/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">noticiasvenevision</a></p>                                                                        | <br><br><br>                                                                                         | <p>Venezuela</p> <p>Soups, broths, sauces and condiments</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Counterfeit</p>                                                               |

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| <p>Police raided two warehouses following information about the production of counterfeit olive oil. Authorities seized 5 900 l of adulterated olive oil during the operation and two individuals were detained.</p> <p>Date: 20/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">haberler</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <br><br>       | <p>Türkiye</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> |
| <p>Ecuadorian authorities retained 36 240 units of imported beer (1 510 boxes) in Portoviejo after finding that the products lacked the required Ecuadorian sanitary notification. The beer, apparently originating from Colombia, also lacked lot numbers, proper labelling and identification of the party responsible for marketing it in Ecuador</p> <p>Date: 20/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">eldiario</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                    | <br><br>       | <p>Ecuador</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>               |
| <p>Authorities intercepted local fishermen attempting to illegally land 9 bluefin tuna weighing almost 800 kg while bypassing mandatory traceability and certification controls</p> <p>Date: 22/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">messinatoday</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <br><br>       | <p>Italy</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Grey market</p>              |
| <p>More than 2 100 bottles of smuggled alcoholic beverages were seized at a checkpoint on the road between Puerta de Hierro and Magangué, Colombia</p> <p>Date: 22/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">elheraldo</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <br><br> | <p>Colombia</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>              |
| <p>Authorities inspections in Sicily uncovered significant quantities of fish lacking mandatory traceability and labelling documentation. In Porticello–Santa Flavia, 400 kg of bluefin tuna and approximately 260 kg of other fish products were seized; further inspections in Cefalù identified untraceable fish in a restaurant. In another operation, 1 300 kg of bluefin tuna were found in a van without the required Bluefin Tuna Catch Documents</p> <p>Date: 22/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">livesicilia</a> <a href="#">blogsicilia</a> <a href="#">direttasicilia</a></p> | <br><br> | <p>Italy</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Document forgery</p>         |

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| <p>The seizure involved 750 bottles of smuggled alcoholic beverages discovered by authorities in Cartagena, Colombia. The illicit merchandise was being transported without the documentation required to demonstrate its legal entry and circulation in the country</p> <p>Date: 23/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">eluniversal</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Colombia<br/>Alcoholic beverages<br/>Grey market</p>                                                                          |
| <p>Around 5 000 pre-cooked pizzas and pinse falsely presented as “Made in Italy” were seized by Italy’s Guardia di Finanza at the Port of Barletta. The products arrived by truck from Albania and carried packaging, images and wording designed to make consumers believe they were of Italian origin</p> <p>Date: 25/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">ledicola</a> <a href="#">quotidianodelsud</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                            | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Italy<br/>Cereals and bakery products<br/>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/<br/>Misbranding</p>                                   |
| <p>Authorities seized 802 kg of counterfeit and adulterated spices and condiments from an illegal manufacturing unit. Fake red chilli, turmeric, yellow chilli, coriander, amchoor and garam masala powders were produced using coarse rice, pulverised chilli stalks, coriander stems and hazardous industrial dyes. The adulterants were intentionally mixed into the spices to imitate genuine products, including the characteristic colours of the spices</p> <p>Date: 27/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">timesofindia</a> <a href="#">indiatimes</a></p>                       | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>India<br/>Herbs and spices<br/>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                                                            |
| <p>Italian authorities carried out inspections at a bakery and a takeaway pizzeria in Santa Maria di Licodia, Sicily, imposing penalties exceeding EUR 33 000. At the bakery, 167 bottles of wine, 202 bottles of beer and 11 bottles of spirits were seized for being sold without a licence. Inspectors also found 28 kg of bakery preparations, 45 kg of preserved-in-oil products and 25 kg of other foods without traceability, as well as 106 kg of expired or untraceable food deemed unfit for consumption</p> <p>Date: 28/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">lasicilia</a></p> | <br><br><br><br><br><br> | <p>Italy<br/>Alcoholic beverages<br/>Wine<br/>Cereals and bakery products<br/>Fruits and vegetables<br/>Food<br/>Grey market</p> |
| <p>Colombian authorities dismantled an illegal operation in Bogotá involving counterfeit products and adulterated food. Authorities seized 213 204 units of illegally manufactured effervescent products, together with machinery, packaging and raw materials. In Los Mártires, authorities seized approximately 7 t of candies, sweets and gummies bearing well-known commercial brands but not originating from authorised production</p> <p>Date: 29/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">elnuevosiglo</a></p>                                                                        | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Colombia<br/>Confectionery<br/>Counterfeit</p>                                                                                |

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| <p>Authorities seized six bluefin tuna weighing over 1 t. The fish, intended for commercial sale, lacked the mandatory traceability documentation, preventing verification of their legal origin</p> <p>Date: 30/05/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">siracusapost</a></p>                                                                                                                                                             | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Italy</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Document forgery</p>                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Italian customs and financial police seized 1 500 kg of olive oil at the commercial port of Augusta after laboratory tests found it had been falsely labelled as “extra virgin” despite meeting only the “virgin” grade</p> <p>Date: 01/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">lasicilia</a></p>                                                                                                                                      | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Italy</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Authorities intercepted two tractor-trolleys carrying 250 bags of wheat allegedly being smuggled into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Pakistan) via a river crossing route</p> <p>Date: 01/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">urdupoint</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                                               |
| <p>A Coast Guard operation in southern Sardinia uncovered an illegal market involving bluefin tuna and swordfish, resulting in the seizure of about 800 kg of fish and administrative penalties exceeding EUR 15 000</p> <p>Date: 01/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">lanuovasardegna</a></p>                                                                                                                                      | <br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Italy</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p> <p>Document forgery</p>                                                                                 |
| <p>The Punjab Food Authority inspected 1 931 food outlets in Lodhran District, Pakistan, targeting food adulteration, fraud and hygiene violations; 135 outlets were fined and two individuals arrested. Authorities confiscated and destroyed 400 kg of unsafe meat, 350 l of soda water/expired cold drinks, 45 l of rancid oil and 20 kg of prohibited ingredients</p> <p>Date: 02/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">app</a></p> | <br><br><br><br><br> | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Non-alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Food additives and flavourings</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> |

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| <p>Authorities seized 203 cartons of Indian-made foreign liquor concealed beneath jute sacks in a truck and arrested its driver and co-driver. The shipment, valued approximately EUR 19 000, was being illegally transported from Haryana to Bihar and was reportedly destined for Patna</p> <p>Date: 02/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">timesofindia</a></p>                                                          | <br><br>                                                                                               | <p>India</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                             |
| <p>Authorities seized almost 3 500 kg of mangoes suspected of being artificially ripened by directly applying unauthorised ethylene-like chemical sprays; laboratory tests are pending</p> <p>Date: 03/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">hindustantimes</a></p>                                                                                                                                                           | <br><br>                                                                                               | <p>India</p> <p>Fruits and vegetables</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                       |
| <p>Food safety officials seized 18 000 l of suspected adulterated ghee in Udaipur after finding unlabelled tins and artificial colouring allegedly used to make standard fat products appear to be premium pure cow desi ghee; a further 42 000 kg of dairy products were placed under investigation</p> <p>Date: 03/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">fnnnews</a></p>                                                    | <br><br>                                                                                               | <p>India</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                      |
| <p>Following a fatal illicit-liquor poisoning in Pune, Maharashtra authorities arrested 213 people and registered 313 cases during raids against illegal liquor manufacturing and sales</p> <p>Date: 03/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">theprint</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                | <br><br>                                                                                         | <p>India</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                         |
| <p>Indian food-safety authorities raided an illegal manufacturing and packaging operation producing suspected adulterated ghee and edible oils. More than 14 000 kg of products were seized, including approximately 10 260 kg of adulterated ghee, palm oil, soybean oil and vanaspati, plus around 4 000 kg of adulterated ghee from a warehouse</p> <p>Date: 03/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">timesofindia</a></p> | <br><br><br> | <p>India</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> |

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| <p>Authorities dismantled an illegal operation producing counterfeit packaging and adulterated spirits in Bogotá and Soacha, Colombia, seizing 2 657 fake tax stamps, 722 liquor labels, 495 empty bottles and thousands of counterfeit packages. Around 80 l of unpackaged adulterated liquor and 250 packaged units were seized, preventing approximately 22 000 l of adulterated liquor from reaching the market</p> <p>Date: 04/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">caracol</a> <a href="#">elespectador</a></p> | <br><br><br>                                                                                                 | <p>Colombia</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> <p>Counterfeit</p>                                              |
| <p>Authorities seized over 14 500 l of beer hidden under husk in a truck, while it was allegedly being smuggled. The shipment comprised 1 210 cartons containing 29 040 beer cans; two suspected smugglers were arrested</p> <p>Date: 04/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">deccanherald</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>India</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                        |
| <p>Authorities in India, seized 73 440 bottles of Goa-made whisky being illegally transported. The seized liquor, valued at approximately EUR 171 000, lacked batch numbers and mandatory retail-price information</p> <p>Date: 05/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">rediff</a> <a href="#">mid-day</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <br><br><br>                                                                                              | <p>India</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                       |
| <p>Following a suspected methanol-related liquor tragedy that killed nearly 20 people, Indian authorities carried out a week-long crackdown on illicit alcohol. The operation resulted in 142 cases, 116 arrests, and the seizure of illicit liquor and related materials valued at approximately EUR 133 000</p> <p>Date: 05/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">mid-day</a></p>                                                                                                                                    | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>India</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                                                                    |
| <p>Italian authorities uncovered an olive-oil fraud scheme in Salento involving about 300 t of low-quality oil imported from non-EU countries, including Algeria and Albania, and falsely presented as EU-origin oil. Investigators found substances used to deodorize and flavour defective oils to imitate extra-virgin olive oil, while laboratory tests also detected adulteration with non-olive oils</p> <p>Date: 05/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">teatronaturale</a></p>                                | <br><br><br><br> | <p>Italy</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> <p>Document forgery</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p> |

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| <p>Police in India intercepted a truck carrying 800 boxes of illicit Indian-made foreign liquor, including whisky and beer, intended for illegal distribution. The shipment was valued at approximately EUR 45 000, and the driver was arrested</p> <p>Date: 07/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">rediff</a> <a href="#">theprint</a></p>                                                                           | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>India</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Authorities seized and destroyed 18 000 kg of animal fat and offal, 600 l of prepared edible oil and 3 000 kg of dead chickens during operations against food adulteration and counterfeit food businesses. A water plant and a food production unit were closed, three suspects were arrested, and 19 outlets received fines</p> <p>Date: 07/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">app</a></p>                      | <br><br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Poultry meat and poultry meat products</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> <p>Counterfeit</p>                                                                                                     |
| <p>Fear Animal Products Ltd and its director were ordered to pay approximately EUR 540 000 after an investigation found animal by-products unfit for human consumption being illegally diverted into the food chain. Four individuals received custodial sentences for offences including conspiracy to defraud and marketing unsafe meat</p> <p>Date: 08/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">foodmanufacture</a></p> | <br><br><br><br><br><br> | <p>United Kingdom</p> <p>Poultry meat and poultry meat products</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Other food products/ mixed</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p> |
| <p>Costa Rican authorities seized a truck carrying 5 000 beers and 10 000 units of other alcoholic beverages, valued at approximately EUR 28 000, after the driver failed to provide documents proving the legal transport of the goods</p> <p>Date: 09/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">teletica</a></p>                                                                                                          | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Costa Rica</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Police in Pakistan raided an illegal factory producing substandard and spurious liquor, arresting the suspected owner. Officers seized two drums containing 440 l of fake liquor</p> <p>Date: 10/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">dunyanews</a></p>                                                                                                                                                             | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                                                                                                                                                                |

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| <p>A kebab manufacturer was penalised after products marketed as lamb were found to contain little or no lamb, with lower-grade ingredients such as skin, fat and other meats used instead. The company pleaded guilty to fraud by false representation and was fined approximately EUR 580 000</p> <p>Date: 10/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">farminguk</a> <a href="#">clactonandfrintongazette</a></p> | <br><br><br> | <p>United Kingdom</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> |
| <p>Authorities seized 210 kg of government-subsidised rice and 70 kg of flour being illegally sold outside the authorised Open Market Sale distribution system</p> <p>Date: 10/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">bssnews</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                             | <br><br>                                                                                       | <p>Bangladesh</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                          |
| <p>Kuwaiti authorities seized 608 000 kg of spoiled vegetables and fruits stored and displayed for sale in a warehouse and deemed unfit for human consumption. Three shops were also closed for violations of health and food-safety regulations</p> <p>Date: 10/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">arabtimesonline</a></p>                                                                                   | <br><br>                                                                                       | <p>Kuwait</p> <p>Fruits and vegetables</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                                      |
| <p>At Rome's Esquilino market, police seized 600 kg of untraceable meat due to improper storage and imposed EUR 11 000 in fines</p> <p>Date: 11/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">ilmamilio</a> <a href="#">canaledieci</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                              | <br><br>                                                                                 | <p>Italy</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                 |
| <p>Philippine authorities seized 815 boxes of alleged counterfeit Magic Sarap seasoning, valued at approximately EUR 53 000, in two operations in Philippines</p> <p>Date: 13/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">tribune</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                              | <br><br>                                                                                 | <p>Philippines</p> <p>Herbs and spices</p> <p>Counterfeit</p>                                                                                                    |

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| <p>The Punjab Food Authority sealed three food units in Lahore after inspections identified substandard, expired or non-compliant food and water. Authorities confiscated and destroyed 1 200 kg of red chilli powder, 720 kg of coriander, 80 kg of turmeric powder and 90 kg of pakoras, alongside other expired products</p> <p>Date: 13/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">app</a></p>                                          | <br><br>                                                                                        | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Herbs and spices</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>        |
| <p>Malaysian authorities seized more than 26 t of frozen chicken after detecting irregularities in the halal documentation submitted for its import</p> <p>Date: 14/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">freemalaysiatoday</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <br><br>                                                                                        | <p>Malaysia</p> <p>Poultry meat and poultry meat products</p> <p>Document forgery</p> |
| <p>A multi-agency raid in South Africa targeting counterfeit and illicit trade seized 3 339 items valued at approximately EUR 108 000. Among the seized goods were food products, while four pallets of alcoholic beverages were detained for further investigation. Seven persons were arrested, and three businesses were closed for regulatory non-compliance</p> <p>Date: 15/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">citizen</a></p> | <br><br><br> | <p>South Africa</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Counterfeit</p>         |
| <p>Malaysian authorities intercepted two smuggling operations involving liquor and 1 600 fruit-tree saplings. Four individuals were detained</p> <p>Date: 17/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">thestar</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <br><br>                                                                                  | <p>Malaysia</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                         |
| <p>Authorities carried out two anti-poaching operations Italy, targeting illegal recreational underwater fishing. Around 5 000 live sea urchins were seized and immediately returned to the sea. Fishing equipment was also confiscated, and penalties totalling approximately EUR 6 000 were imposed</p> <p>Date: 17/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">ecoaltomolise</a> <a href="#">zonlocale</a></p>                            | <br><br>                                                                                  | <p>Italy</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Grey market</p>                         |

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| <p>Authorities in Palermo conducted a coordinated enforcement operation targeting illegal commercial practices and regulatory violations in food-service establishments and street vending. Two people were reported and administrative fines of EUR 13 000 were imposed</p> <p>Date: 17/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">lamilano</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Italy</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                                                                                                     |
| <p>Authorities sealed eight food outlets/production units and fined 75 businesses during inspections in Pakistan</p> <p>Date: 18/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">app</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Other food products/ mixed</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                                                                                        |
| <p>Authorities uncovered an inter-state network producing and distributing counterfeit ghee, following laboratory tests that detected vegetable oils and other non-dairy constituents in products marketed as ghee</p> <p>Date: 18/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">aninews</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <br><br><br><br><br>                                                                                                  | <p>India</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> <p>Counterfeit</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                    |
| <p>Authorities inspected 45 retail outlets and eight manufacturing units and seized about 825 kg of suspected adulterated or misbranded paneer. Cheese analogue made from vegetable fats and non-milk ingredients was allegedly sold as genuine paneer, while other adulteration included starch, excess water, non-milk fats and synthetic or poor-quality milk. Some products were repackaged or marketed under misleading names such as Premium Paneer, Fresh Paneer and Low Fat Paneer, often without mandatory traceability information</p> <p>Date: 18/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">timesofindia</a> <a href="#">thehindu</a></p> | <br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>India</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                                            |
| <p>Authorities destroyed 2 t of unhygienic food after a citywide food-safety inspection campaign</p> <p>Date: 19/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">timesofindia</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <br><br><br><br><br><br> | <p>India</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Herbs and spices</p> <p>Non-alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Other food products/ mixed</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> |

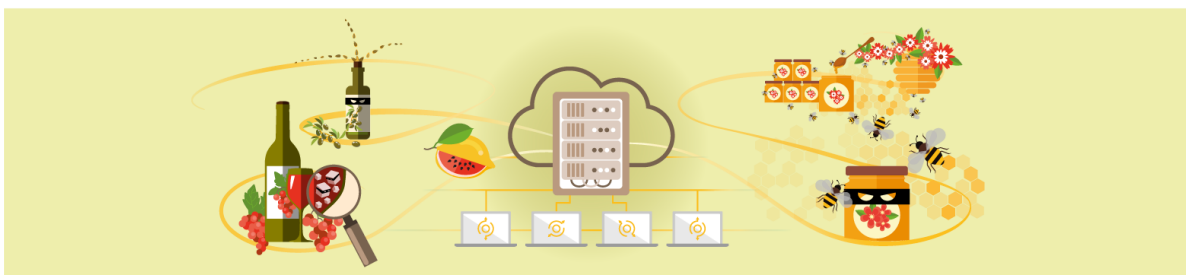
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| <p>Guardia Civil officers seized 12 758 food and alcoholic beverage products, weighing approximately 4 t and valued at EUR 31 811, from a warehouse in the area of Bizkaia, Spain. Most products originated in Eastern Europe and failed to comply with mandatory labelling, traceability and marketing requirements. Irregularities included missing Spanish-language labels and absent information on ingredients, importers, storage conditions, origin and traceability</p> <p>Date: 19/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">deja</a></p> | <br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Spain</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                                                  |
| <p>A butcher was arrested for allegedly selling lamb meat from animals slaughtered illegally without sanitary controls or traceability. Authorities uncovered an illegal slaughter facility at a farm and found 228 unregistered animals (211 sheep/lambs and 17 goats) lacking identification and disease controls</p> <p>Date: 19/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">surinenglish</a></p>                                                                                                                                                 | <br><br><br><br>                                                                                                  | <p>Spain</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Live animals</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                  |
| <p>Police operations in Türkiye uncovered the illegal production and sale of adulterated and unlabeled food products resulting in legal action against four suspects. Authorities seized 5 025 l of adulterated olive oil, 51 kg of honey and 825 kg of dried figs, with an estimated total value of EUR 62 000, and imposed administrative fines of approximately EUR 12 000</p> <p>Date: 19/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">haberler</a></p>                                                                                           | <br><br><br><br><br> | <p>Türkiye</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Honey and royal jelly</p> <p>Fruits and vegetables</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p> |
| <p>Bolivian customs authorities seized foreign food products during a raid, after the goods were found without documentation proving their legal importation into Bolivia. The confiscated merchandise consisted of boxes of coffee, dairy products and cooking oil, which were transferred to a customs facility for administrative and legal proceedings</p> <p>Date: 19/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">eju.tv</a></p>                                                                                                                | <br><br><br><br>                                                                                        | <p>Bolivia</p> <p>Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                              |
| <p>Authorities seized 900 kg of undocumented bluefin tuna from two refrigerated vans during coordinated maritime and roadside inspections in the province of Crotone, Italy</p> <p>Date: 20/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">cn24tv.it</a> <a href="#">catanzaro</a> <a href="#">ilcrotone</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Italy</p> <p>Fish and fish products</p> <p>Document forgery</p>                                                                                                                    |

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| <p>Authorities raided food businesses and found rotten potatoes, substandard/open spices and contaminated solutions used to make papad and other foods. Authorities destroyed 370 kg of substandard spices and rotten potatoes, 350 l of contaminated solution and 40 l of substandard soda water</p> <p>Date: 21/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">app</a></p>                                                        | <br><br><br><br><br><br> | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Herbs and spices</p> <p>Fruits and vegetables</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Non-alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Other food products/ mixed</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> |
| <p>Police in Australia's Northern Territory seized more than 1 500 standard alcoholic drinks from vehicles suspected of unlawfully transporting alcohol into a restricted remote community; the alcohol was destroyed and the investigation remains ongoing</p> <p>Date: 22/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">miragenews</a></p>                                                                                       | <br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Australia</p> <p>Wine</p> <p>Alcoholic beverages</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                                                      |
| <p>Authorities raided an illegal counterfeit milk production facility, seizing and disposing of 10 000 l of adulterated milk and 1 500 l of a thick solution used in its production. Powder, chemicals, and substandard ghee used in the adulteration process were also found at the facility</p> <p>Date: 22/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">urdupoint</a></p>                                                      | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                                                                                                                            |
| <p>Authorities seized 1.5 t of expired and spoiled food from warehouses in Bhiwandi, India, including eggs, bread, biscuits, flour and rice. The products were allegedly intended to be illegally resold despite records claiming they had been destroyed using fake disposal certificates. The facility was sealed and its licence suspended</p> <p>Date: 26/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">hindustantimes</a></p> | <br><br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>India</p> <p>Eggs and egg products</p> <p>Cereals and bakery products</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Document forgery</p>                                                                                                |
| <p>Authorities seized and destroyed 58 320 eggs after inspectors found sanitary and documentation irregularities that prevented verification of their origin, transport route and hygienic conditions. The measure was taken preventively to protect consumers and animal-health controls</p> <p>Date: 26/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">agritotal</a></p>                                                          | <br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Argentina</p> <p>Eggs and egg products</p> <p>Document forgery</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                                                          |

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| <p>Authorities uncovered suspected cattle theft after finding several bags of beef concealed behind the driver's seat and inside a hidden compartment beneath a vehicle during a checkpoint</p> <p>Date: 26/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">ellitoral</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Argentina</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p>Authorities destroyed 3 700 l of adulterated milk and 320 kg of unsafe meat during operations in Pakistan. Two milk suppliers were arrested, three criminal cases were registered, and vehicles and equipment used to transport the products were impounded</p> <p>Date: 27/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">urdupoint</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                           | <br><br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> <p>Document forgery</p>                                                                         |
| <p>A food consignment arriving in Malta from Albania via Sicily was seized after failing a food safety inspection. The shipment included meat, yoghurt, snacks, cheese, olive oil, soft drinks, beans, eggs, alcohol, salt and juices; no quantities were reported. Products were transported at inappropriate temperatures and/or lacked mandatory labelling and essential traceability documentation</p> <p>Date: 27/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">independent</a> <a href="#">corrieredimalta</a></p> | <br><br><br><br><br><br> | <p>Malta</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Prepared dishes and snacks</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Other food products/ mixed</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p> |
| <p>Bulgarian authorities seized nearly 5 t of food after inspections found expired shelf lives, incorrect labelling, missing traceability documentation, and improper storage/production practices</p> <p>Date: 27/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">bta</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Bulgaria</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Costa Rican authorities seized 1 600 kg of chicken allegedly transported illegally from Panama without documentation proving its origin, sanitary status or traceability. A separate inspection in San José resulted in the seizure of more than 1 t of chicken and duck meat and 3 000 eggs lacking sanitary documentation and adequate labelling</p> <p>Date: 27/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">infobae</a></p>                                                                                      | <br><br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Costa Rica</p> <p>Poultry meat and poultry meat products</p> <p>Grey market</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p>                                                                                                     |

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| <p>In Türkiye, authorities seized 1 800 kg of smuggled meat during an inspection carried out by enforcement teams</p> <p>Date: 29/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">haberler</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Türkiye</p> <p>Meat and meat products (other than poultry)</p> <p>Grey market</p>                                                                                                           |
| <p>A Lincolnshire farmer was sentenced to four and a half years after stealing and swapping hundreds of sheep at livestock markets across England between 2016 and 2023</p> <p>Date: 30/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">newsandstar</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                         | <br><br>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>United Kingdom</p> <p>Live animals</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p>                                                                                                               |
| <p>Authorities sealed five food businesses in Pakistan, during inspections targeting adulteration and serious food-safety violations. Authorities seized and destroyed 700 l of adulterated liquid used to produce fake milk and 524 kg of expired food and prohibited ingredients, while substandard ghee and expired spices were also discarded</p> <p>Date: 30/06/2026<br/>Source: <a href="#">urdupoint</a></p> | <br><br><br><br><br><br> | <p>Pakistan</p> <p>Milk and milk products</p> <p>Fats and oils</p> <p>Herbs and spices</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Adulteration/ Product tampering</p> <p>Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding</p> |

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