

Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud and Adulteration

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Food Fraud Cases

Agriculture orders the recall of 16 brands of coffee unfit for consumption. Analysis found foreign matter and impurities in the products.

[Revista Cultivar](#): 01/07/2024 [Folha de Pernambuco](#): 02/08/2024 [O DIA](#): 03/08/2024



Brazil



Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Authorities destroyed 14,000 litres of unsafe milk

[UrduPoint](#): 01/07/2024



Pakistan



Milk and milk products



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

More than 2 t of liquid eggs recalled from 9 states.

[Finanz Nachrichten](#): 01/08/2024 [RTTNews](#): 01/07/2024 [abc NEWS](#): 02/07/2024 [MY CENTRAL OREGON](#): 02/07/2024



United States



Eggs and egg products



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Indian authorities have cancelled the manufacturing licenses of 111 spice producers over the past month, citing quality and safety concerns.

[MENAFN](#): 02/07/2024



India



Herbs and spices



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Authorities seized 37,000 l of adulterated extra virgin olive oil.

[Agen Press](#): 03/07/2024 [Ambiente Ambienti](#): 06/07/2024 [ANSA](#): 06/07/2024 [Bari Repubblica](#): 06/07/2024 [Blitz Quotidiano](#): 06/07/2024 [Espansione TV](#): 06/07/2024 [Foggia Today](#): 06/07/2024 [Giornale di Brescia](#): 06/07/2024 [Il Piccolo](#): 06/07/2024 [Italia a Tavola](#): 06/07/2024 [La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno](#): 06/07/2024 [Mattino Padova](#): 06/07/2024 [Messaggero Veneto](#): 06/07/2024 [Noi Notizie](#): 06/07/2024 [Notizie Tiscali](#): 06/07/2024 [Quotidiano di Foggia](#): 06/07/2024 [Quotidiano di Puglia](#): 06/07/2024 [T online](#): 06/07/2024 [Teatro Naturale](#): 06/07/2024 [Tribuna Treviso](#): 06/07/2024 [Notizie Virgilio](#): 07/07/2024 [Padania](#): 07/07/2024 [Il salvagente](#): 08/07/2024 [Oltre](#): 12/07/2024 [Olive Oil Times](#): 18/07/2024



Italy



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Grey market

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Authorities seized more than 3,000 l of low-quality olive oil sold as virgin olive oil.

[ABC](#): 05/07/2024 [elEconomista](#): 05/07/2024



Spain



Fats and oils
Meat and meat products (other than poultry)
Counterfeit



Document forgery
Grey market
Misdescription/ Mislabelling/
Misbranding

Chinese brands recall cooking oils due to illegal use of tanker trucks.

[Diario de Almería](#): 09/07/2024 [Diario de Jerez](#): 09/07/2024 [Diario de Sevilla](#): 09/07/2024
[El Día de Córdoba](#): 09/07/2024 [EuropaSur](#): 09/07/2024 [Granada Hoy](#): 09/07/2024 [Huelva Información](#): 09/07/2024
[infobae](#): 09/07/2024 [La Nación](#): 11/07/2024 [La Patilla](#): 11/07/2024



China



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Seized a rice mill with 25.3 t of PDS rice.

[United News of India](#): 09/07/2024

Authorities seized 12 t of ration rice.

[TH](#): 17/07/2024

Authorities seized 34.7 t of smuggled rice and arrested 4 persons.

[TH](#): 23/07/2024

Man held for smuggling 13 t of PDS rice.

[TH](#): 09/08/2024 [DT NEXT](#): 10/08/2024



India



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

Authorities seized 60,000 l of counterfeit wine. 12 people and 2 wineries accused in the province of Piacenza.

[Affar Italiani](#): 10/07/2024 [Alimentando](#): 10/07/2024 [ANSA](#): 10/07/2024 [Carabinieri](#): 10/07/2024
[EFA News](#): 10/07/2024 [Gazzetta di Modena](#): 10/07/2024 [Gazzetta di Reggio](#): 10/07/2024 [Giornale l'Ora](#): 10/07/2024
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[Piacenza Sera](#): 10/07/2024 [Zazoom](#): 10/07/2024 [Nouvelles du monde](#): 17/07/2024



Italy



Wine



Counterfeit
Document forgery

Authorities seized 11 t of mussels.

[Ambiente Ambienti](#): 11/07/2024 [Foggia Today](#): 11/07/2024 [La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno](#): 11/07/2024
[Oltre Free Press](#): 11/07/2024 [Padania](#): 12/07/2024 [ANSA](#): 14/07/2024



Italy



Bivalve molluscs and products thereof



Document forgery

Seizure of 71 t of fake olive oil.

[Teatro Naturale](#): 11/07/2024



Italy



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering

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Seized 125 t of grain destined for smuggling.

[Diario Primera Edición](#): 15/07/2024



Argentina



Cereals and bakery products



Document forgery
Grey market

Italian authorities have disrupted an alleged counterfeit olive oil ring and seized 42 t of the food product, valued at 900,000 Euros.

[CNN](#): 11/07/2024 [Chip](#): 12/07/2024 [Greek Reporter](#): 12/07/2024 [Noticias R7](#): 12/07/2024 [Noticias R7](#): 12/07/2024 [Noticias R7](#): 12/07/2024 [Oglobo](#): 12/07/2024 [The Grocer](#): 12/07/2024 [WN](#): 12/07/2024 [Focus](#): 13/07/2024 [Nouvelles du monde](#): 13/07/2024



Spain



Honey and royal jelly



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Document forgery

Seized 19 t of fake Parmigiano Reggiano DOP.

[Alto Adige](#): 19/07/2024 [ANSA](#): 19/07/2024 [Gazzetta di Modena](#): 19/07/2024 [Gazzetta di Parma](#): 19/07/2024 [Giornale Trentino](#): 19/07/2024 [Italia a Tavola](#): 19/07/2024 [Reggio 2000](#): 19/07/2024 [Sassuol 2000](#): 19/07/2024



Italy



Milk and milk products



Counterfeit
Grey market

Seized 176,000 jars of illegal tomato puree.

[Agenparl](#): 20/07/2024 [Bari. Repubblica](#): 20/07/2024 [Foggia Today](#): 20/07/2024 [Italia a tavola](#): 20/07/2024 [La gazzetta del mezzogiorno](#): 20/07/2024



Italy



Fruits and vegetables



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/
Misbranding

Nine t of fish seized from Brazilian vessel in French Guyana.

[Folha de Pernambuco](#): 23/07/2024



Brazil



Fish and fish products



Grey market

More than 3 t of fish products seized.

[Palermo Today](#): 02/08/2024



Italy



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/
Misbranding

Yes-18

Seized 108 t of untraced fish.

[Edizioni Pubblicità Italia](#): 02/08/2024



Italy



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/
Misbranding

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11 people investigated for marketing more than 40 t of contaminated honey from China.

[Estrella Digital](#): 03/08/2024 [La Vanguardia](#): 03/08/2024

Seized 60 t of rice seed.

[tvn](#): 03/08/2024

Authorities discarded 4.7 t of fake labelling of famous tea brands.

[UrduPoint](#): 04/08/2024

Arrested a man with more than 3,000 bottles of smuggled wine.

[a1](#): 05/08/2024

Discovered fake honey in an Estonian Lidl supermarket.























[Delfi](#): 06/08/2024

24 Authorities seized 14 t of sardines.

[La voz de Galicia](#): 09/08/2024

Merchant accused of selling Spanish wine under the "AOC Valais" label.

[RTS](#): 13/08/2024 [Ticino News](#): 13/08/2024

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Authorities arrested 9 people for relabelling and distributing expired foodstuffs and seized almost 2 t of poorly stored and distributed frozen and refrigerated products.

[Sur in English](#) 16/08/2024



Spain



Other food products/ mixed



Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

Seized 14 t of rice fraudulently repackaged.

[FASO NEWS EDITIONS](#) 16/08/2024



Burkina faso



Cereals and bakery products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Seized more than 300 t of smuggled vegetables.

[Daily Tribune](#) 16/08/2024



Philippines



Fruits and vegetables



Grey market

Spanish police seize 13,000 bottles of counterfeit rum during raids in Andalucía.

[ABC](#) 19/08/2024 [Sur in English](#) 20/08/2024



Spain



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

Four orphan children die after eating adulterated food.

[Devdiscourse](#) 19/08/2024 [Devdiscourse](#) 19/08/2024 [mid-day](#) 19/08/2024



India



Other food products/ mixed



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Seized more than 1,300 l of olive oil with signs of counterfeiting.

[q1](#) 21/08/2024



Brazil



Fats and oils



Counterfeit

Authorities seized 3.4 t of substandard and hazardous spices and wheat bran.

[Associated Press of Pakistan](#) 24/08/2024



Pakistan



Cereals and bakery products
Herbs and spices



Adulteration/ Product tampering
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Seized 50 t of smuggled tomatoes from Brazil.

[LA NACIÓN](#): 15/07/2024

Seized 14 t of smuggled tomatoes from Brazil.

[infobae](#): 25/07/2024

Seized 40 t of smuggled tomatoes from Brazil.

[infobae](#): 27/08/2024 [LA NACIÓN](#): 27/08/2024



Paraguay



Fruits and vegetables



Document forgery
Grey market

8 people and 12 companies prosecuted for laundering and selling bluefin tuna from illegal fishing.

[COPE](#): 09/07/2024 [Diario Siglo XXI](#): 09/07/2024 [Diario Siglo XXI](#): 09/07/2024 [EFE Agro](#): 09/07/2024

[El Mundo](#): 09/07/2024 [Infobae](#): 09/07/2024 [Infobae](#): 09/07/2024 [Intereconomía](#): 09/07/2024

[Murcia Plaza](#): 09/07/2024 [La Opinión de Murcia](#): 09/07/2024 [La Verdad](#): 09/07/2024 [Bolsamania](#): 10/07/2024

[Diario Siglo XXI](#): 10/07/2024 [El Debate](#): 10/07/2024 [Executive DIGEST](#): 11/07/2024

Yes-35



Spain



Fish and fish products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Seized 1,600 l of olive oil and an illegal establishment dismantled.

[Executive DIGEST](#): 23/08/2024



Portugal



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Other interesting articles

New Protected Geographical Indication “Miel de Ibiza / Mel d'Eivissa”

The EU registers Protected Geographical Indications “Miel de Ibiza / Mel d'Eivissa” and “Espárrago verde de Guadalajara”.

[COPE](#): 05/07/2024 [Gente](#): 05/07/2024 [NoticiasDe](#): 05/07/2024 [Official Journal L](#), 2024/1867, 5.7.2024: 05/07/2024 [Official Journal L](#), 2024/1887, 5.7.2024: 05/07/2024 [agrodigital.com](#): 08/07/2024 [ASAJA](#): 08/07/2024 [Interempresas](#): 17/07/2024



EU



Honey and royal jelly
Food

Labeling, adulterations and fraud in honey, in the focus of Consumer

The General Directorate of Consumer Affairs of the Government of Andalusia develops the inspection campaign in the field of food on honey, which aims to analyze the labeling of this product and verify the existence of alterations, adulterations or fraud.

[agrodarioghuelva](#) 31/07/2024



Spain



Honey and royal jelly

British beekeepers and scientists tackle thorny problem of adulterated honey

Lynne Ingram founded the UK Honey Authenticity Network (HAN UK) in 2021 to raise awareness about the risk of fraud. They address the thorny problem of adulterated honey

[La Nación](#): 05/08/2024



United Kingdom



Honey and royal jelly

July 2024 - Report on EU agri-food fraud suspicions

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

[FFN monthly - July 2024](#) 30/08/2024 [FFN monthly - European Commission](#)



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