

# Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud

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## Food Fraud Cases

Spoiled and adulterated milk case, restrictive measures imposed on 5 employees. Phones and computers are being examined.

03/09/2024 [Vivere Civitanova](#) [PesaroUrbinoNotizie](#) [il Resto del Carlino](#)



Italy



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The Sindh Food Authority on Tuesday raided a factory where chemicals were mixed with water to produce milk.

03/09/2024 [Ary News](#)



Pakistan



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Pesticides detected in smuggled veggies.

03/09/2024 [Horti Daily](#) [Daily Tribune](#) [Philippine News Agency](#)



Philippines



Fruits and vegetables



Grey market

Deadly ingredient found in dozens of bottles of fake vodka seized from Lanarkshire shop.

03/09/2024 [Daily Record](#) [Daily Record](#) [BBC Mirror](#) [Food Safety News](#) [Birmingham Mail](#) [Mail Online](#) [WHATSNEW2DAY](#) [Daily Record](#) [Express & Star](#) [Notting Hamshire Live](#)



Scotland



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering  
Counterfeit

Nevada health district posts public alert related to illegal sales of raw milk.

04/09/2024 [Food Safety News](#)



United States



Milk and milk products



Grey market

Container of illegally imported liquor seized at Chattogram port.

05/09/2024 [The Daily Star](#)



Bangladesh



Alcoholic beverages



Document forgery  
Grey market

A million-pound illegal shipment of cigarettes and 1 200 kg of fish was seized.

07/09/2024 [EL Litoral](#)



Argentina



Fish and fish products



Grey market

Police seize over 12 500 l of spurious liquor.

07/09/2024 [Times of India](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit  
Grey market

Almost 3 000 l of fake olive oil seized by police.

07/09/2024 [Independent](#)



Spain



Fats and oils



Counterfeit

Rat droppings and approximately 40 t of illegally imported meat.

08/09/2024 [il Resto del Carlino](#)



Italy



Meat and meat products  
(other than poultry)



Document forgery

108 t of imported wheat flour and several thousand units of chicha seized.

09/09/2024 [Aujourd'hui](#)



Burkina Faso



Cereals and bakery  
products



Grey market

Over 1 000 kg of substandard ghee was confiscated, including 110 kg of adulterated ghee falsely labelled as 'Sanchi'.

11/09/2024 [Devdiscourse](#)



India



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product  
tampering  
Misdescription/  
Mislabelling/  
Misbranding

Urgent food alert issued for mislabelled soup in Lidl Ireland.

14/09/2024 [Head Topics](#)



Ireland



Soups, broths, sauces  
and condiments



Misdescription/  
Mislabelling/  
Misbranding

Large batch of chicken eggs detained at Ak-Tilek checkpoint.

14/09/2024 [24 kg](#)



Kyrgyzstan



Eggs and egg products



Grey market  
Misdescription/  
Mislabelling/  
Misbranding

Vigilance officials seize 3 884 bags of PDS rice in Kakinada district.

15/09/2024 [the Hindu](#)



India



Cereals and bakery  
products



Grey market

Customs seizes 5 476 bottles of liquor with counterfeit duty stamps.

15/09/2024 [the Sun](#)



Malaysia



Alcoholic beverages



Counterfeit

Production and sale of extra virgin olive oil, subject to investigation.

16/09/2024 [ANSA QuiMesagne Brindisi Report](#)



Italy



Fats and oils



Counterfeit  
Document forgery

Inspections of the fish supply chain lead to the seizure of 1 300 kg of fish.

16/09/2024 [il Fatto Nisseno Palermo Today](#)



Italy



Fish and fish products



Document forgery

Inspections at the fruit and vegetable market in Catania result in tonnes of produce being seized.

16/09/2024 [Blog Sicilia](#)



Italy



Fruits and vegetables



Document forgery

Over 21 000 bottles of wine seized from a winery in the Brindisi area.

18/09/2024 [trmtv.it](#)



Italy



Wine



Document forgery

Guardia Civil officers uncover huge organic produce scam in Andalusia.

18/09/2024 [Sur in English](#) [Ideal](#) [Las Provincias](#) [El Confidencial](#) [Noticias ao Minuto](#) [The Olive Press](#)



Spain



Fruits and vegetables



Counterfeit  
Misdescription/  
Mislabelling/  
Misbranding

Police seize 600 kg of illicit bear meat.

19/09/2024 [yle](#)



Finland



Meat and meat products  
(other than poultry)



Adulteration/ Product  
tampering  
Document forgery

Supermarket chain sees half a t of unfit-for-consumption meat seized.

20/09/2024 [g1](#) [Hoje em dia](#)



Brazil



Meat and meat products  
(other than poultry)



Adulteration/ Product  
tampering

Clandestine factory dismantled in San Pedro, with 61 317 l of alcohol seized.

23/09/2024 [Diario Digital](#)



Dominican Republic



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

10 000 kg Indian smuggled sugar seized.

24/09/2024 [BSS News](#)



Bangladesh



Other food products/  
mixed



Grey market

30 people were arrested and nearly 10 000 bottles of liquor were seized.

24/09/2024 [Devdiscourse](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

A cooperative in Lleida is under investigation for the fraudulent sale of 105 000 l of olive oil.

24/09/2024 [EL Periodico](#)



Spain



Fats and oils



Counterfeit  
Misdescription/  
Mislabelling/  
Misbranding

A raid uncovered over 1 900 kg of adulterated sauces, along with unapproved additives and unsanitary conditions.

25/09/2024 [Urdupoint](#)



Pakistan



Soups, broths, sauces  
and condiments



Adulteration/ Product  
tampering

Authorities seized 13 t of rice and 100 kg of ration wheat in a raid near Madurai.

26/09/2024 [The Hindu](#)



India



Cereals and bakery  
products



Grey market

Authorities seized 100 t of contraband maize during a recent operation. The maize, intercepted in Guaqui, was intended for illegal export to Peru.

27/09/2024 [atb](#)



Bolivia



Cereals and bakery  
products



Grey market



National Intelligence Bureau intercepts consignments of cocoa for smuggling.  
27/09/2024 [The Ghana Report](#)

-  Ghana
-  Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea
-  Grey market




Authorities seized 980 untraceable bottles of white wine from wineries in Mazara and Marsala.  
27/09/2024 [it.aca.notizie](#)

-  Italy
-  Wine
-  Document forgery

Colombian authorities dismantled a family-run operation producing counterfeit alcohol in Cucuta.  
28/09/2024 [Noticias ahora](#)

-  Colombia
-  Adulteration/ Product tampering
-  Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

In a recent operation, authorities seized 660 l of extra virgin olive oil due to lack of proper labelling and information on the packaging.  
28/09/2024 [ANSA Fanpage](#)

-  Italy
-  Fats and oils
-  Counterfeit



600 sacks of smuggled sugar seized.  
30/09/2024 [Kathmandu Post](#)

-  Nepal
-  Other food products/ mixed
-  Grey market

## Other interesting articles

### Quality assessment of Amazonian honey sold in free markets

This research assessed the quality of thirteen honey samples from street markets in the State of Para, focusing on acidity, ash content, humidity, and possible adulteration.  
[Research, Society and Development](#)

-  Brazil
-  Honey and royal jelly


### Optimized near infrared reflectance model based on preprocessing selection strategy for rapid analysis of 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline content in rice flour

This study explored a new way to measure the key fragrance compound 2-acetyl-1-pyrroline (2-AP) in rice using visible-near-infrared reflectance spectroscopy on various rice types.  
[ScienceDirect](#)

-  China
-  Cereals and bakery products

### Portable NIR Spectroscopy to Simultaneously Trace Honey Botanical and Geographical Origins and Detect Syrup Adulteration

This study addresses the rising issue of honey fraud by developing a portable FTNIR fingerprinting method combined with chemometrics to check honey quality and authenticity.  
[foods](#)

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Spain
-  Honey and royal jelly

## August 2024 - Report on EU agri-food fraud suspicions



EU

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



Food

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

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