

# Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud

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## Food Fraud Cases

The authorities seized 1.4 tons of illegally imported seafood, vegetables and food products from Thailand.

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-  Singapore
-  Food
-  Grey market




The authorities closed a production plant not using water intended for human consumption, and they seized 1 ton of cheese without traceability documentation.

[Oltre Free Press](#)      [La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno](#)

-  Italy
-  Milk and milk products
-  Adulteration/ Product tampering
- Grey market




The authorities seized 300 tons of polish pears ready to be smuggled from Belarus to Russia (total value of 64 570 Euros). In some cases the drivers failed to present the relevant traceability documents, in others the pears were disguised as green peas, dry cereals or flakes.

[Fresh Plaza](#)

-  Belarus
-  Fruits and vegetables
-  Document forgery
- Grey market

The authorities seized 33 tons of potatoes from France and sold as from a specific region in Italy (total value of 56 000 Euros).

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-  Italy
-  Fruits and vegetables
-  Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The authorities seized in total almost 8 500 bottles of Indian made Foreign Liquor (IMFL).

[Times of India](#)    [Dev Discourse](#)      [Mid-day](#)

-  India
-  Alcoholic beverages

The authorities seized in total 57 700 bottles of illegal country-made liquor.

[Dev discourse](#)    [Mid day](#)      [Dev discourse](#)    [Unindia](#)

-  Grey market

The authorities seized 1 000 litres of alcoholic beverages without health registration and being distributed illegally in the capital.

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Ecuador



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The authorities seized in total 6.8 tons of seafood without traceability documentation.

[Palermo Today](#) [Blog Sicilia](#) [Toscana Media News](#) [La Sicilia Web](#) [Ansa](#) [Blog Sicilia](#) [Efa News](#) [Giornale di Sicilia](#)



Italy



Bivalve molluscs and products thereof  
Cephalopods and products thereof  
Crustaceans and products thereof  
Fish and fish products  
Gastropods  
Grey market

The authorities seized in total 11.5 tons of swordfish without traceability documentation.

[La Sicilia Web](#) [Blog Sicilia](#) [Catania Today](#) [Meridio News](#) [Ansa](#) [Itaca](#)  
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The authorities seized 1.7 of juvenile fish illegally caught (total value of 50 000 Euros).

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India



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering  
Counterfeit

The authorities uncovered a manufacturing plant producing fake butter by mixing vanaspati (a fully or partially hydrogenated vegetable cooking oil), refined palmolein oil, salt, food colours and other ingredients. The product packaging also bore the name of a popular brand.

[Devdiscourse](#)

The authorities arrested a man for smuggling 1 230 litres of sunflower oil and 27 kg of ghee butter from France. He tried to sell the contraband products to restaurants.

[Tio](#) [Ticino News](#)



Switzerland



Fats and oils  
Milk and milk products



Grey market

The authorities seized 300 boxes of contraband wine.

[La Nacion](#)



Paraguay



Wine



Grey market

The Hong Kong Customs seized 191 kg of contraband sea cucumbers and 369 kg of contraband dried fish gills (total value of 128 600 Euros).

[Info.gov.hk](#) [The Standard](#) [Foreign affairs](#)



China



Fish and fish products  
Other food products/  
mixed



Grey market

The authorities seized in total 24.5 tons of ration rice meant for the public distribution system.

[The Hindu](#) [The Hindu](#) [DT Next](#) [DT Next](#)



India



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

In the last six months the authorities seized several contraband food products:



Paraguay

- 218 tons of onions
- 162 tons of potatoes
- 142 tons of soybeans
- 77 tons of contraband tomatoes
- 29.5 tons of meat
- 35.2 tons of chicken
- 3 tons of beef ration
- 100 250 litres of edible oil

[La Nacion](#)

The authorities seized 2.2 tons of contraband meat products.

[Ministerio Publico](#) [La Nacion](#)

In the “Operation Getsêmani” the authorities seized 104 363 litres of clandestine olive oil adulterated with soybean oil in a clandestine factory with insufficient hygienic conditions. The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (Mapa) ordered all traders, retailers or wholesalers, to remove ten brands of extra virgin olive oil from their shelves.

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The authorities closed an illegal manufacturing plant adulterating ginger-garlic paste and selling the products under some brand names whose license for marketing expired two years before. The authorities seized 3.5 tons of fake ginger-garlic paste.

[Indian Express](#)

The authorities seized 1 500 litres of milk adulterated with water.

[The Nation](#)

The authorities seized 97 200 cans of contraband beer and 30 392 bottles of contraband liquor (total value of 625 000 Euros).

[The Star](#) [The Sun](#) [Malay Mail](#)

The authorities seized 18 400 bottles of wine with a counterfeit Geographical Indication from Malaga.

[Europa press](#) [Noticias de el imparcial](#) [Noticias de](#) [Bolsa mania](#) [Euro Weekly News](#) [La Opinion de Malaga](#) [La opinion de malaga](#) [La Razon](#) [Diario Siglo XIX](#) [Huffington Post](#) [La opinion de malaga](#) [Infobae](#) [Diario Sur](#) [Telecinco](#) [el Dia de La Roja](#) [Agrodigital](#) [el Debate](#) [Andalucia informacion](#) [Agro popular](#) [La Rioja](#) [Estrella digital](#)



Fats and oils  
Fish and fish products  
Fruits and vegetables  
Meat and meat products (other than poultry)  
Poultry meat and poultry meat products



Grey market



Paraguay



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



Grey market



Brazil



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering  
Grey market



India



Soups, broths, sauces and condiments



Adulteration/ Product tampering  
Counterfeit  
Grey market



Pakistan



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Malaysia



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market



Spain



Wine



Counterfeit

The authorities seized 850 kg of fish illegally fished.

[Capital fm](#)



Kenya



Fish and fish products



Grey market

The authorities seized and destroyed 1.9 tons of food unfit for human consumption, including flour, soft drinks, semolina, couscous, vegetable butter, milk derivatives, chocolate, sausages, tomato sauces, dates and jam.

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Morocco



Food



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized 10.2 tons of contraband subsidised cooking oil (total value of 3 750 Euros).

[The Sun](#)



Malaysia



Fats and oils



Grey market

The authorities seized 1.5 tons of meat products stored illegally.

[Sfa.gov](#)

[The Straits Times](#)



Singapore



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



Grey market

The authorities seized in total 5 304 bottles (1 326 litres) and other 2 740 bottles of illicit liquor.

[The Star](#)



Kenya



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The authorities seized 700 bottles of smuggled wine.

[G1 Globo](#)



Brazil



Wine



Grey market

The authorities seized 2 tons of contraband beef.

[News in Cyprus](#)



Cyprus



Meat and meat products  
(other than poultry)



Grey market

The authorities seized 720 tons of imported rice with a quality inferior to that claimed by the importer, with too many broken grains (57% of the total) and unfit for human consumption.

[New Times](#)



Rwanda



Cereals and bakery  
products



Adulteration/ Product  
tampering  
Misdescription/  
Mislabelling/  
Misbranding

The authorities seized in total 5.6 tons of rotten meat, some stored in a clandestine warehouse.

[The News Today](#) [Urdu Point](#) [Ary News](#) [The Nation](#) [The News](#)  
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Pakistan



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



Adulteration/ Product tampering  
Grey market

Twenty people died after consuming spurious liquor.

[Times Now News](#) [China.org](#) [English.news](#) [Hindustan Times](#)  
[New India Express](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized 4 tons of fake sugar made of grinded blocks.

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Ivory Coast



Other food products/ mixed



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized 1 573 litres of olive oil from Portugal without traceability documentation.

[Galicia press](#) [Gente digital](#) [Faro de Vigo](#) [La Voz de Galicia](#) [Europa](#)  
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Spain



Fats and oils



Grey market

The authorities seized 1.5 tons of spurious tea adulterated with colours.

[Urdu Point](#)



Pakistan



Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized 34 tons of canned vegetables with a falsified Geographical Indication or wrong labels.

[Puglia Live](#)



Italy



Fruits and vegetables



Counterfeit  
Misdescription/  
Mislabelling/  
Misbranding

In the operation "Valoriza" the authorities seized 9.4 tons of roasted and ground coffee suspected of being produced illegally or without adequate hygienic conditions.

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Brazil



Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea



Adulteration/ Product tampering  
Grey market

The authorities seized 1.5 tons of fresh and processed food (e.g. bayam, chilli padi, spring onion, brinjal, peeled garlic and cut cabbage) illegally imported from Malaysia.

[Sfa](#) [The Straits Times](#) [The Sun](#) [Bernama](#) [Asia One](#)



Singapore



Food



Grey market

The authorities seized 2 tons of typical Easter sweets produced industrially but mislabelled as “artisanal” (total value of 267 000 Euros).

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Italy



Cereals and bakery products



Confectionery  
Misdescription/  
Mislabelling/  
Misbranding

The authorities seized 1.5 tons of contraband seafood from Peru and Argentina.

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Bolivia



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Gastropods  
Grey market



## Other interesting articles

### UK FSA food fraud hotline in Northern Ireland

The Food Standards Agency's (FSA) National Food Crime Unit (NFCU) has launched a phone number (“Food Crime Confidential”) to be called by anyone confidentially in case of food crime suspicions.

[Farming Life](#) [Securing Industry](#)

### UK FSA review of laboratory analyses for herbs and spices

The United Kingdom Food Standards Agency published a review of the methods useful to assess the integrity of culinary herbs and spices.

[FSA](#) [Food Authenticity Network](#)

### Meat smuggling increasing in Switzerland

In 2023 the amount of contraband meat seized in Switzerland was 263 tons, ten times more compared to fifteen years before.

[Tv Svizzera](#) [Agri giornale](#)

### Slovenian study: food fraud case with safety risks

Researchers have analysed a food fraud case study involving the illegal use of sulphites in meat preparations and minced meat in 2019.

[Sciendo](#)      [Food Safety News](#)

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