

## April 2021

# **Monthly Summary of Articles** on Food Fraud and Adulteration

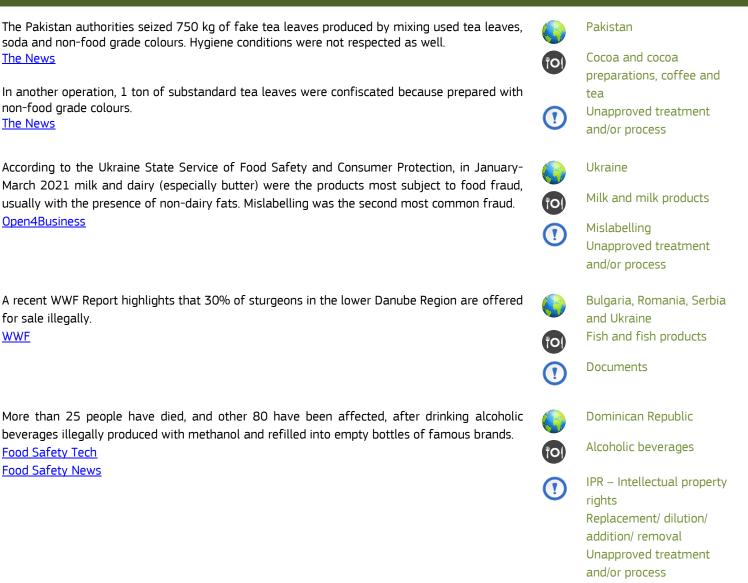
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## Food Fraud Cases

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The Pakistan authorities seized 800 kg of spices adulterated with bran and other unhealthy ingredients.

Urdu Point

The Italian authorities seized 4 477 tons of tomato sauce (total value of 3 million euros) mislabelled as "Made in Italy", but in reality produced with tomatoes from non-EU countries.						
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<u>RaiNews</u>	Il Fatto Alimenta	ire <u>Corriere</u>	<u>Fiorentin</u>	o <u>Il Denar</u>	<u>o</u>	
Toscana-Notizie	<u>Help Consumatori</u>		<u>Ansa</u>	Agrifood Today	<u>Fanpage</u>	
<u>Today</u>	<u>CIA Toscana</u>					

The Italian authorities seized a variety of products illegally sold by the same farm:

- 200 kg of fruits and vegetables mislabelled as "own production"
- 4 750 litres of common wine mislabelled as "Merlot" or "Cabernet", or counterfeited as the Geographical Indications "Vermentino" and "Ansonica"
- 11 000 litres of wine lacking any documentation (as e.g. traceability or origin)

<u>Il Giunco</u>
La Nazione
<u>Il Tirreno</u>

### Other interesting articles

A scientific journal has published a review providing an overview of the frauds in the olive oil
sector and future solutions to tackle the phenomenon.
Food Control
<u>Olive Oil Times</u>

#### 2020 report of official controls in Italy

The Italian Ministry has published the 2020 report, summarising the efforts undertaken against food frauds. 70 thousands controls all over the Italian territory led to the seizure of 22 million kg of products (for a total value of 21 million euros). Ministry website 2020 Report (in Italian, English, Chinese) ANSA Fruit Journal Italia Fruit News Wine News

#### IUU seafood worth 2 billion euros imported in USA in 2019

According to the International Trade Commission of the United States, seafood caught via illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing with an estimated commercial value of 2 billion euros was imported in USA in 2019 from e.g. China, Russia, Mexico, Indonesia and Vietnam.

USA report

Seafood Source



Pakistan

Herbs and spices

and/or process

condiments Mislabelling

Italy

Italy

Wine

rights Mislabelling

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Replacement/ dilution/ addition/ removal Unapproved treatment

Soups, broths, sauces and

Fruits and vegetables

IPR – Intellectual property

Food fraud mentioned in Europol Report

Europol published the EU Serious Organised Crime (SOCTA) 2021 Report, analysing also the

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infiltration of criminal activities within the food sector. <u>Europol</u>

An overview of global food frauds

An online review highlights and assesses food fraud and authenticity throughout the food supply chain, with a special focus on UK and the Covid-19 pandemic. <u>Food Control</u>

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