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Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud and Adulteration

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Food Fraud Cases

The authorities seized 2 043 litres of beverages adulterated with unclean water and artificial flavours. The products were also carrying fake labels.

[Urdu Point](#) [Business Recorder](#)

In another operation, the authorities seized 6 750 litres of fake carbonated drinks prepared with loose colours, unsafe chemicals and polluted water.

[The News](#)

The authorities seized 10.75 tons of contraband cheese (total value of 61 600 Euros).

[Tiempo](#)

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (Mapa) has analysed 152 fish samples to detect the fraudulent practices of mislabelling and substitution. The result was a 96.1% compliance rate.

[Gov.br](#) [Midia News](#) [Revista Negocio Rural](#)

The authorities seized 12 tons of contraband corn ready to be smuggled to Brazil.

[Primera Edicion](#)

The authorities dismantled a criminal organisation smuggling contraband wines and seized 9 000 bottles of wine (total value of 550 000 Euros).

[Opovo](#) [FolHape](#) [Istoe Dinheiro](#) [Istoe](#) [Agencia Brasil](#) [Jb](#) [TN Online](#) [Progresso](#)



Pakistan



Non-alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding



Honduras



Milk and milk products



Grey market



Brazil



Fish and fish products



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding



Argentina



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market



Brazil



Wine



Grey market

The authorities seized in total 14 840 litres of milk adulterated with skimmed powder, oil, urea, polluted water, hazardous powder or formalin.

[Urdu Point](#) [The News](#) [The Nation](#) [Urdu Point](#) [The News](#) [Urdu Point](#) [The News](#) [Urdu Point](#)

 Pakistan
 Milk and milk products
 Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized in total 28 241 tons of contraband wheat.

[Urdu Point](#) [Urdu Point](#) [Urdu Point](#) [Urdu Point](#) [The News](#) [The Nation](#) [PakObserver](#) [Urdu Point](#) [Nation](#) [Tribune](#) [Urdu Point](#) [PakObserver](#) [Urdu Point](#) [The News](#) [Tribune](#) [Urdu Point](#) [Urdu Point](#) [Urdu Point](#) [Urdu Point](#) [The News](#) [Urdu Point](#) [Urdu Point](#) [PakObserver](#) [PakObserver](#) [Urdu Point](#)

 Pakistan
 Cereals and bakery products
 Grey market

The authorities seized 4 573 bottles of contraband liquor (total value of 18 000 Euros).

[Dawn](#) [Pak Observer](#) [The Nation](#)

 Pakistan
 Alcoholic beverages
 Grey market

The authorities seized 24.875 tons of rice either contraband or meant for the Public Distribution System.

[The Hindu](#) [The Hindu](#) [Times of India](#) [The Hindu](#)

 India
 Cereals and bakery products
 Grey market




The authorities in total seized 16 800 bottles and 4 500 litres of illicit liquor.

[Times of India](#) [Times of India](#) [The Hindu](#)

 India
 Alcoholic beverages
 Grey market




The authorities seized almost 62 tons of spices (masalas chilli powder, turmeric powder, coriander powder and pickle masala) adulterated with oleoresin, starch powder and grounded paper.

[Indian Express](#)

 India
 Herbs and spices
 Adulteration/ Product tampering


The Hong Kong authorities seized 9 745 packages of bagged seaweed roll rice crackers from China, but mislabelled as from Japan (total value of 11 260 Euros).

[Info.gov.hk](#)

 China
 Cereals and bakery products
 Misdescription/ Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The authorities closed an unlicensed factory producing tahini from harmful materials as e.g. ceramic powder and peanut husks.

[Teller Report](#)

 Egypt
 Nuts, nut products and seeds
 Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized 2.2 tons of seafood without traceability documentation.

[Bari Today](#) [La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno](#) [Canale7](#)

 Italy
 Bivalve molluscs and

The authorities seized 1 ton of red tuna without traceability documentation (total value of 10 000 Euros).

[Corriere Romagna](#) [Ravenna Today](#) [Ravenna24ore](#) [Ravenna Web TV](#) [Più](#)
[Notizie](#) [Porto Ravenna News](#) [Sette sere](#) [Il Resto del Carlino](#)

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



The authorities seized 3.1 tons of contraband chicken meat.

[Teledoce](#) [Subrayado](#)



Uruguay



Poultry meat and poultry
 meat products



Grey market

The authorities seized 260 tons of illegal alcohol and 13 000 bottles of vodka with fake excise stamps.

[24.kg](#)



Kyrgyzstan



Alcoholic beverages



Document forgery
 Grey market

Thirty-two people died after consuming spurious alcohol. The authorities seized 6 000 litres of liquor during raids.

[Deccan Herald](#) [National Herald India](#) [News18](#) [The New Indian Express](#) [Times of India](#) [Verve Times](#) [News18](#) [Deccan Herald](#) [Business Standard](#) [Ndtv](#)
[Mid-day](#) [The Hindu](#) [Times of India](#) [Hindustan Times](#) [Deccan Herald](#)
[The Hindu](#) [Economic Times](#) [Ndtv](#) [The Hindu](#) [Mid-day](#) [News18](#) [Live Mint](#) [Verve Times](#) [Verve Times](#) [DNA India](#) [Deccan Herald](#) [English News](#)
[China.org](#) [Famagusta](#) [En.people](#) [Ani News](#) [Barrons](#) [Business Recorder](#) [Bss News](#) [The New Indian Express](#) [TRT World](#) [Alarabiya News](#)
[Noticias o minuto](#) [Jn](#) [Sol](#) [Sapo](#) [Nuevaya](#) [News18](#) [Ndtv](#)
[Verve Times](#) [Citizen](#) [Times of India](#) [Dhaka Tribune](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
 tampering

The authorities seized 2.2 tons of illegally imported food (e.g. frozen pork, beef, chicken, fish and frog).

[Sfa.gov](#) [The Straits Times](#) [Channel News Asia](#) [Mothership](#)
[Seafood source](#)



Singapore



Food



Grey market

The authorities seized 3 700 cans and bottles of illegal alcoholic beverages.

[Times of Oman](#) [Muscat daily](#)



Oman



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The authorities seized in total 992 tons of contraband sugar.

[Urdu Point](#) [Urdu Point](#) [PakObserver](#)



Pakistan



Other food products/
 mixed



Grey market

The authorities seized 63.8 tons of contraband corn and 14.8 tons of contraband soybean.

[Misiones Online](#)



Argentina










Cereals and bakery
 products

The authorities discovered 30 tons of frozen lamb meat from North Macedonia mislabelled as “Hungarian”.

[Sloboden Pecat](#)

The authorities seized 16 tons of potatoes without traceability documentation.

[Blog Sicilia](#)

-  Fruits and vegetables
Grey market
-  Bulgaria
-  Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
-  Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding
-  Italy
-  Fruits and vegetables
-  Grey market

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