

Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud

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Food Fraud Cases

The U.S Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has released data from an assignment related to Economically Motivated Adulteration (EMA) on honey, conducted between April 2022 and July 2023. The sampling (107 samples of imported honey) was designed to identify products that contained undeclared sweeteners less expensive than honey, such as syrups from cane and corn. 3% of samples were violative.

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-  USA
-  Honey
-  Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized in total 59 700 litres of illicit liquor.

[Hindustan Times](#) [Devdiscourse](#) [The Star](#)

-  India
-  Alcoholic beverages
-  Grey market

The authorities seized in total 41 976 bottles of illegal liquor and 9 322 bottles of illegal beer.

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

The authorities seized 2.65 tons of contraband ration rice.

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

-  India
-  Cereals and bakery products
-  Grey market

The authorities closed a spices grinding unit adulterating the spices with wood powder, seizing as well 600 kg of adulterated turmeric powder and 300 of red chili powder. The spices were ready to be labelled as branded spices as well.

[The Nation](#)

-  Pakistan
-  Herbs and spices
-  Adulteration/ Product tampering
- Counterfeit

The authorities seized in total 70 tons of contraband sugar.

[Uni India](#)

-  India
-  Other food products/ mixed
-  Grey market

The authorities seized 230 tons of fruits and vegetables mislabelled as “organic.”

[Abc](#)



Spain



Fruits and vegetables



Counterfeit

The authorities seized 6 tons of contraband garlic and onions from Argentina.

[Gov.br](#)



Brazil



Fruits and vegetables



Grey market

The authorities seized 3.1 tons of illegally imported and tainted chicken meat.

[Khmer Times](#)



Cambodia



Poultry meat and poultry meat products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

Grey market

The Rosslare Europort authorities seized 4 860 litres of contraband red wine (total value of 59 000 Euros).

[Kclr96fm](#) [Beat](#) [Echo live](#) [Head Topics](#) [The Nationalist](#) [Western](#)
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Ireland



Wine



Grey market

The Customs Departments seized 23 tons of smuggled frozen meat (total value of 90 950 Euros).

[The Sun](#)



Malaysia



Meat and meat products (other than poultry)

Poultry meat and poultry meat products



Grey market

The authorities seized 3 tons of seafood without traceability documentation or not suitable for human consumption.

[Ansa](#) [Latina Today](#)



Italy



Bivalve molluscs and products thereof

Cephalopods and products thereof

Crustaceans and products thereof

Fish and fish products

Gastropods



Grey market

The authorities seized 2 510 litres of cooking oil sold as olive oil (total value of 29 000 Euros).

[Cnn Portugal](#) [Tvi](#) [Tvi](#) [Cnn Portugal](#)



Portugal



Fats and oils



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized in total 175.3 tons of contraband sugar.



India

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[Lanka Source](#) [Singapore Star](#) [Northern Ireland News](#) [Nigeria Sun](#) [Cambodian Times](#)
[Times](#) [Manila Metro](#) [The Hindu](#) [Ani News](#) [Nigeria Sun](#) [Cambodian Times](#)
[Times](#) [Northern Ireland News](#) [Sri Lanka Source](#) [Myanmar News](#) [Manila Metro](#)
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[Nigeria Sun](#) [Singapore Star](#) [Cambodian Times](#)

 Other food products/
mixed
 Grey market

The authorities seized 6 670 litres of milk adulterated with water and/or chemicals.

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

 Pakistan
 Milk and milk products
 Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized 24 tons of food without traceability documentation (total value of 146 000 Euros).

[Carabinieri](#) [Ansa](#) [TGCom24](#) [Salerno Today](#) [Otto pagine](#) [Il giornale di Salerno](#)

 Italy
 Food
 Grey market

The authorities seized 2.5 tons of contraband beef, presumably smuggled from Argentina.

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

 Paraguay
 Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)
 Grey market

The authorities closed two fake beverage manufacturing plants, counterfeiting labels from popular brands. The authorities also seized 16 800 litres of expired juices and 12 600 litres of fake carbonated drinks.

[Urdu Point](#)

 Pakistan
 Non-alcoholic beverages
 Adulteration/ Product tampering
Counterfeit

The authorities seized 16 700 litres of fake cold drinks with counterfeit labels from a famous brand.

[App](#)

The authorities seized 30 000 contraband eggs.

[24](#)

 Kyrgyzstan
 Eggs and egg products
 Grey market

The authorities seized in total 272 tons of contraband sugar.

[The Daily Star](#) [Bss News](#)

 Bangladesh
 Other food products/
mixed
 Grey market

The authorities seized almost 37 000 contraband chicken eggs.

[Sag](#) [Portal del Campo](#)

 Chile
 Eggs and egg products
 Grey market

The authorities seized 8 tons of meat products unfit for human consumption and produced

 Italy

in an illegal plant.

[Ansa](#) [Il Roma](#) [Napoli Today](#) [Otto pagine](#) [Fanpage](#)



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



Adulteration/ Product tampering
Grey market

The authorities seized four tons of bananas and four tons of mangoes artificially ripened with chemicals (e.g. calcium carbide, arsenic and phosphorus),

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India



Fruits and vegetables



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized 400 litres of olive oil from Portugal but mislabelled as from Spain.

[Noticias o minuto](#) [Agrodiario](#)



Spain



Fats and oils



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/
Misbranding

The authorities seized 90 tons of rancid milk, 110 tons of adulterated dairy products and 2.5 tons of adulterants as sodium hydroxide and hydrogen peroxide (total value of 800 000 Euros).

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Italy



Milk and milk products



Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized and destroyed 4.5 tons of contraband berries, fruits and vegetables from the European Union.

[Fresh plaza](#) [Hortidaily](#)



Russia



Fruits and vegetables



Grey market

The authorities seized 10 728 cans of contraband alcoholic drinks

[The Star](#)



Malaysia



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The authorities seized 900 litres of olive oil with counterfeit labels from a famous brand.

[Il Roma](#) [Otto pagine](#) [Inter Napoli](#) [Fanpage](#) [Napoli](#) [Village](#)
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Italy



Fats and oils



Counterfeit

The authorities seized 2.5 tons of mussels with no traceability documentation and with fake documents claiming the product to be blue crab.

[Inter Napoli](#)



Italy



Bivalve molluscs and products thereof



Document forgery
Grey market

The Dover Port Health Authority seized 3.4 tons of illegal meat.

[Kentonline](#)

[Farming UK](#)



United Kingdom



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



Grey market

The authorities seized 3.5 tons of contraband coffee.

[Le potentiel](#)



Democratic Republic of the Congo



Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea



Grey market

Other interesting articles

European Parliament Resolution on “Breakfast” directives

The European Parliament has approved a legislative resolution on the proposal for the “Breakfast” Directives relating to fruit juices, fruit jams, jellies and marmalades and sweetened chestnut purée intended for human consumption, and partly or wholly dehydrated preserved milk for human consumption.

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[Ancona Today](#) [My Fruit](#)

2023 FAN food fraud and safety report

The Food Authenticity Network, partnering with commercial entities, has released for the first time the 2023 report on food fraud and food safety non-compliances.

[Food authenticity](#)

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