

Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud and Adulteration

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Food Fraud Cases

The authorities seized in total 90 tons of contraband rice meant for public distribution.

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



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

The authorities seized 500 tons of contraband rice, imported and repackaged with counterfeit labels of a famous brand (total value of 335 000 Euros).

[The Star](#) [Kenyans](#)



Kenya



Cereals and bakery products



Counterfeit

Grey market

The authorities seized in total 68 tons of contraband corn.

[Primera edicion](#) [Misiones online](#) [Primera edicion](#)



Argentina



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market

The authorities seized 900 tons of wheat and 65.7 tons of animal feed without traceability documentation.

[Seguo news](#) [Grandangolo Agrigento](#) [Blog Sicilia](#) [Il Fatto Nisseno](#)
[La Sicilia](#) [News Sicilia](#) [Giornale L'Ora](#) [Diretta Sicilia](#)
[QdS](#) [Palermo Today](#) [Sicilia Oggi Notizie](#) [Giornale di](#)
[Sicilia](#) [Sicilia Reporter](#)



Italy



Cereals and bakery products

Feed materials



Grey market

The authorities seized almost 22 850 beer cans (total value of 896 000 Euros) illegally manufactured in an abandoned factory. The beers contained high level of alcohol (16-18%).

[The Sun Daily](#) [The Malaysian insight](#)



Malaysia



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The Royal Malaysian Customs Department (JKDM) seized 52 270 litres of contraband liquor.

[The Sun Daily](#)

The authorities seized in total 258 tons of contraband flour and wheat.

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

During the last two months the authorities have prevented 3 400 tons of wheat and flour from being smuggled into the country.

[Urdu Point](#) [Pakobserver](#) [Pakobserver](#) [Tribune](#)

The National Hungarian Beekeepers' Association revealed some analyses on honey quality. 28 out of 47 samples of honey from supermarkets reported a wrong botanical origin on the label.

[Hungary Today](#) [Index](#)

In the operation "Zafiro" the authorities seized 1 000 bottles of adulterated liquor produced in a clandestine factory.

[El Universal](#) [Semana](#)

In the operation "Gato por Lebre" ("Cat for Hare") the authorities seized 1.68 tons of seafood mislabelled as a more expensive species and/or lacking traceability documentation (e.g. on origin).

[Diario gaucho](#)

The authorities seized in total more than 36 000 bottles of illegal, smuggled or spurious liquor.

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

The police have destroyed 37 674 bottles (8 114 litres) of smuggled Indian-made foreign liquor.

[The Hindu](#)























The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Safety and Halal Food Authority (KP FS&HFA) seized 5 tons of fake tea leaves produced by mixing adulterants (e.g. sawdust, sugar, jaggery) and non-food grade colours. Hygiene requirements were not respected as well.

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

The authorities seized 6 tons of mackerel smuggled from Mozambique (total value of almost 7 900 Euros).

[Manica Post](#)

The authorities seized 62 tons of contraband soybean.

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The Rosslare Europort authorities seized in total 13 000 litres of contraband wine (total value of 158 000 Euros), 26 000 litres of contraband beer (estimated retail value of 103 000 Euros) and other 11 300 litres of contraband wine (estimated retail value of 137 000 Euros).

[Independent](#) [Kilkenny people](#) [Independent](#) [The Journal](#) [Beat](#)
[Irish Mirror](#) [Revenue](#)

In August, the authorities seized more than 14 tons of seafood illegally fished.

[Muscat Daily](#)

The Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP) seized almost 2 000 bottles of wine with irregularities in documentation and distribution records (total value of 78 000 Euros).

[Wine-searcher](#)

The authorities seized 3 960 expired and rotten eggs used to prepare bakery products.

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

The authorities seized 18 000 bottles of smuggled liquor.

[Kuwait Times](#) [Arab Times online](#)

The authorities have accused two companies in the wine sector of carrying out several criminal activities:

- Adulteration of wine with water and sugars
- Counterfeiting generic wines with labels carrying fake Geographical Indications
- Production of wine within clandestine oenological facilities

[Salute.gov](#) [Tuscia Web](#) [Agronline](#) [Metro news](#)

The authorities fined two manufactures for adulterating gur with sugar, lime, alum, dalda (a vegetable oil) and textile colours. Gur was produced in unhygienic conditions carrying health risks for consumers.

[Bss News](#)

 Fruits and vegetables


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 Ireland

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Wine

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 Oman

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 Wine

 Document forgery

 Pakistan

 Cereals and bakery
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Eggs and egg products

 Adulteration/Product
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 Kuwait

 Alcoholic beverages

 Grey market

 Italy

 Wine

 Adulteration/Product
tampering
Counterfeit
Grey market

 Bangladesh

 Other food products/
mixed

The authorities seized 14 400 litres of edible oil and 1.5 tons of contraband sugar intended for smuggling.

[Aps](#)

The Federal Administration of Public Revenues (AFIP) seized almost 20 000 tons of undeclared sugar lacking the legal documentation (total value of 16.5 million Euros).

[Telam](#)

The authorities seized 6 tons of unhealthy spices adulterated with bran, rice and harmful colours.

[The News](#)

The National Customs seized 8 881 units of alcoholic beverages and 4 925 units of foodstuffs (wheat, flour, liquid cream and pet food) smuggled from Argentina without import documents or sanitary registration (total value of 20 000 Euros).

[Abi](#)

The authorities seized 86 245 bottles of contraband alcohol.

[Daily Sabah](#)

The Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (Aesan) has notified consumers of several brands of olive oil adulterated with other vegetable oils and lacking reliable traceability documentation. Authorities suspect that such products may also pose a threat to consumers' health.

[Epe](#) [el Periodico mediterraneo](#)

The authorities seized 1 ton of seafood without the required traceability documentation.

[Lucca in diretta](#) [Stamp toscana](#)

 Adulteration/Product tampering

 Algeria

 Fats and oils
Other food products/
mixed

 Grey market

 Argentina

 Other food products/
mixed


 Grey market

 Pakistan

 Herbs and spices

 Adulteration/Product
tampering

 Bolivia

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Milk and milk products
Pet food
Grey market

 Grey market


 Turkey

 Alcoholic beverages


 Grey market

 Spain

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19 people died after consuming illegal and adulterated alcohol.

[Telquel](#) [Bladi](#) [Yabiladi](#) [Maghress](#) [Le360](#) [La Nacion](#) [Tdg](#) [Infobae](#) [Le Figaro](#) [Diario libre](#) [el Mexicano](#) [24heures](#) [La Roche sur Yon](#) [Notimerica](#) [Diario Siglo XXI](#) [Noticiasde](#) [Tvn-2](#) [el Periodico](#) [Diario cordoba](#) [Diario de Mallorca](#) [La Opinion A Coruna](#) [Diario de Ibiza](#) [Levante](#) [Informacion](#) [La Nueva Espana](#) [La Opinion](#) [Nius diario](#) [El Dia](#) [La Provincia](#) [Monaco-matin](#) [Nice-matin](#) [Var-matin](#) [Europapress](#) [L'Orient-le-jour](#) [La voix du Nord](#) [Yahoo! Noticias](#) [Huffington post](#) [Vooafrique](#) [aps](#) [Metro libre](#) [Africa news](#) [20 minutes](#) [Benin web tv](#) [L'Economiste](#) [Tagadom](#) [Le soir d'Algerie](#) [Echorouk online](#) [Abidjantv](#) [La nouvelle tribune](#) [Lnr](#)



Gastropods
Grey market



Morocco



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/Product tampering
Grey market

The Border Police seized 8 640 units of liquor smuggled from Panama (total value of 12 930 Euros).

[Chroy](#) [La Nacion](#)



Costa Rica



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The Civil Guard, in collaboration with Europol, seized 180 kg of critically endangered young European glass eels (total value of 270 000 Euros), ready to be smuggled.

[UK Yahoo](#)



Spain



Fish and fish products



Grey market

Other interesting articles

ECA Report on illegal fishing

The European Court of Auditors (ECA) has published a Special report on illegal fishing in the European Union. They conclude that the control systems in place to combat illegal fishing are partially effective.

[ECA](#) [The Guardian](#) [Le Monde](#) [Yahoo](#)



EU



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