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Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud

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Food Fraud Cases

The authorities seized 11.2 tons of smuggled sugar.

[New Age Bd](#)



Bangladesh



Other food products/
mixed



Grey market

The authorities seized 1.2 tons of contraband food and 12.6 tons of contraband avocados from Colombia.

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Venezuela



Food
Fruits and vegetables



Grey market

The authorities seized in total 26.2 tons of rice intended for the Public Distribution System.

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



India



Cereals and bakery
products



Grey market

The authorities seized 3 tons of onions smuggled from Argentina.

[O documento](#)



Brazil



Fruits and vegetables



Grey market

The authorities stated that 82.6% of the 46 samples of imported olive oil is mislabelled with a quality superior to the real one. Analysis were performed by using sensory standards.

[Gov.br](#) [Globo Rural](#)



Brazil



Fats and oils



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/
Misbranding

The authorities seized 24 tons of contraband wheat flour from Argentina.
[Gov.br](#) [Revista Cultivar](#) [Diario Induscom](#) [Revista Negocio Rural](#) [Progresso](#)
[Globo Rural](#)



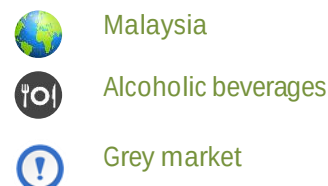
The authorities identified 3.6 tons of shrimp packages with wrong weight. Packages labelled as 800 grams of products in reality contained around 730 grams. Total percentage of meat was also falsified.
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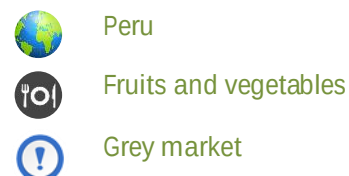
The authorities seized 1.6 tons of vegetables illegally imported from Malaysia.
[Sfa.gov](#) [Straits Times](#) [Asia One](#)



The authorities seized 6 000 cans of contraband liquor (total value of 7 850 Euros).
[The Sun Daily](#) [Malay Mail](#)



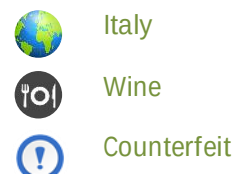
The authorities seized 11 tons of contraband lemons from Colombia (total value of 40 250 Euros).
[Peru21](#)



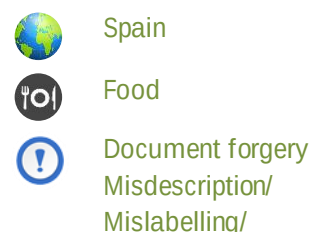
The authorities seized 3 tons of tea adulterated with non-food grade colours, used tea and chemicals.
[Urdu Point](#)



In the Operation "Paper Wine", the authorities seized 500 000 litres of common wine (total value of 1.5 million Euros) with counterfeit Geographical Indications.
[Ansa](#) [Agenparl](#) [Espansione TV](#) [Il Metropolitano](#) [Notizie Tiscali](#) [Casteddu](#)
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[La presse](#) [Euro News](#) [Sardinia post](#) [Il tabloid](#) [Ital press](#)
[Treviso Today](#) [Unione Sarda](#)



The authorities seized 28 tons of food (meat products, frozen fish and other items) not suitable for human consumption. Shelf life dates were manipulated and irregularities in traceability were identified.
[Food Safety News](#)



The authorities seized 6.35 tons of contraband foreign rice.
[Daily post](#)

Misbranding
 Nigeria
 Cereals and bakery products
 Grey market

The authorities seized 16 981 tons of smuggled wheat.
[Urdu Point](#) [The Nation](#) [App](#)

 Pakistan
 Cereals and bakery products
 Grey market

The authorities seized in total 6 500 litres of milk adulterated with polluted water, urea, formalin or other illegal ingredients.
[Urdu Point](#) [App](#) [App](#) [Urdu Point](#)

 Pakistan
 Milk and milk products
 Adulteration/ Product tampering

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) performed targeted surveillance sampling of food across the country:

- 20% out of 300 mince and processed meat products contained meat species not written on the label (although no horsemeat was detected);
- 8 out of 101 lamb products contained beef;
- 4 out of 375 herbs and spices samples had missing ingredients or were substituted with others;
- 3 out of 40 samples of basmati rice contained other rice varieties (from 9 to 29% of the total volume);
- 6 out of 39 dark chocolate samples contained milk proteins.

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

 United Kingdom
 Cereals and bakery products
Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea
Herbs and spices
Meat and meat products (other than poultry)
 Adulteration/ Product tampering

The authorities seized 55 000 bottles of liquor with counterfeit stickers.
[Daily Mirror](#)

 Sri Lanka
 Alcoholic beverages
 Counterfeit

The authorities seized 3 800 litres of wine illegally produced without being compliant with hygiene legislation.
[Corriere di Ragusa](#)

 Italy
 Wine
 Grey market

The authorities seized 1.1 tons of smuggled live lobsters and 400 kg of contraband chilled seafood (total value of 490 000 Euros).
[Info.gov](#) [The Standard](#)

 China
 Bivalve molluscs and products thereof
Cephalopods and products thereof
Crustaceans and products thereof
Fish and fish products
Gastropods

The authorities seized 350 tons of contraband sugar.

[Ary News](#)

[The Frontier Post](#)

[The News](#)



Grey market



Pakistan



Other food products/
mixed



Grey market

The authorities discovered a clandestine slaughtering facility and seized 4.3 tons of illegal meat products.

[Daily News Hungary](#)



Hungary



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Grey market

The authorities seized 3 690 litres of contraband Indian-made foreign liquor.

[Deccan Herald](#)



India



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The authorities seized 25 tons of garlic and 3 tons of raisins smuggled from Argentina.

[Gov.br](#) [O documento](#)



Brazil



Fruits and vegetables



Grey market

The authorities seized 1.7 tons of contraband Indian buffalo meat (total value of 7 500 Euros).

[News Info](#)

[Whatsnew2day](#)

[NewsInfo](#)

[Manila Times](#)



Philippines



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Grey market

Other interesting articles

Food fraud and impact on health

An interesting article discusses the impact of food fraud on citizens' health, with a focus on Asian countries.

[Foods](#)

Food fraud in Finland

An online articles analyses the surveys and interviews from 95 Finnish food control officers. Capacity building, additional resources and guidelines would improve food fraud detection and harmonise reporting.

[International Journal of Environmental Health Research](#)

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