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Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud and Adulteration

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Food Fraud Cases

In the "Yucatán" operation, the authorities seized 500 kg of horse meat, freed 80 horses, investigated six companies and dismantled a criminal organisation falsifying registration documents and placing on the market horse meat not suitable for human consumption. The meat has been sold in Spain, Italy, Belgium and Germany.

[Europol](#) [Guardia Civil](#) [Politico](#) [Food Safety News](#) [Europa press](#)
[Gente digital](#) [NoticiasDe](#) [el Independiente](#) [Heraldo](#) [Nius Diario](#) [Efe](#)
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[Farmers Journal](#) [Green Me](#) [Agriland](#) [Agrarheute](#) [Agriland](#) [Eurogroup](#)
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Spain



Meat and meat products
(other than poultry)



Document forgery

Forty-four people died and several have been hospitalized after consuming alcohol adulterated with methanol, possibly produced illegally. 30 tons of adulterated and contraband alcohol have been destroyed.

[Caracol](#) [el Diario de Guayana](#) [Semana](#) [Hsb Noticias](#) [el Nuevo Siglo](#) [Portafolio](#) [el](#)
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[Infobae](#) [el Colombiano Expreso](#) [el Pais](#) [Vanguardia](#) [Columba](#) [digital](#) [el](#)
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Colombia



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product
tampering
Grey market

The authorities seized in total almost 21 500 bottles of adulterated liquor and discovered a clandestine factory where adulterated liquor was produced. In other operations, additional 21 228 bottles of adulterated liquor (total value of 203 000 Euros), 5 000 bottles of contraband liquor (total value of 30 700 Euros) and 10 000 units of adulterated alcohol were seized.

[El Pais](#) [Semana](#) [Infobae](#) [Semana](#) [Semana](#) [Semana](#) [Rcn](#)
[Radio](#) [el Pais](#) [Rcn Radio](#) [el Nuevo Siglo](#) [Listin Diario](#) [el Nuevo Siglo](#) [Semana](#)
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[Radio](#) [el Colombiano](#) [Infobae](#) [Rcn Radio](#) [Semana](#) [Infobae](#) [Semana](#)
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The authorities seized almost 4.4 tons of sardines because of non-compliances found in the traceability documentation.

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The authorities seized almost 1 ton of fish illegally fished in a protected area.

[Ansa](#) [Euronews](#) [Corriere Romagna](#) [Ravenna Today](#) [Ravenna Web](#)
[Tv](#) [Ravenna Notizie](#) [Giornale di Brescia](#) [L'Adige](#) [Tiscali](#)
[Espansione Tv](#) [Nel Cuore](#) [Ravenna24ore](#) [Il Resto del Carlino](#)

In the operation "Tuna Market", the authorities seized 1.1 tons of tuna without traceability documentation.

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The authorities seized in total 9.1 tons of seafood without traceability documentation, expired or unhealthy.

[Bergamo News](#) [Eco di Bergamo](#) [Il Giorno](#) [Corriere](#) [Il Fatto](#)
[Alimentare](#) [Il Gazzettino](#)

In the operation "Senza Traccia", the authorities seized 104 tons of seafood expired, counterfeit or without traceability documentation.

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[Amalfi Notizie](#) [Ambiente Ambienti](#) [Brescia Today](#) [Askanews](#) [Ravenna](#)
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[Quotidiano Molise](#) [Tenews](#) [Lucca in diretta](#) [Primo Numero](#)
[Ravenna24ore](#) [Corriere Adriatico](#) [Politicamente Corretto](#) [Ravenna Notizie](#)
[Il Resto del Carlino](#) [Roma Today](#) [Cinque Quotidiano](#) [Il giornale di Pantelleria](#)
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[Catania Today](#) [Bari Today](#) [OdS](#) [La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno](#) [Stato quotidiano](#)
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The authorities seized in total 332 400 litres of illicit liquor and 28 500 liquor bottles.

[Times of India](#) [Times of India](#) [Times of India](#) [New Indian Express](#) [The Hindu](#)
[Times of India](#) [News18](#) [Times of India](#) [Times of India](#) [Times of India](#) [Times of India](#)

Thirty-eight people died after consuming spurious liquor, officially. Unconfirmed reports however raise the number of deaths to eighty-one.

[Hindustan Times](#) [Times of India](#) [Dna India](#) [Times of India](#) [Le Dauphine](#)
[Bien public](#) [Sic Noticias](#) [Noticias o minuto](#) [Infobae](#) [The San Diego Union](#)
[Tribune](#) [La voix du Nord](#) [Jn](#) [Seychelles News Agency](#) [G1 Globo](#) [Rio Negro](#) [CrHoy](#)
[Milenio](#) [Noticias o minuto](#) [el Frente](#) [Daily Star](#) [el Vocero](#) [India](#)
[Today](#) [el Periodico de Mexico](#) [Hindustan Times](#) [India Today](#) [Outlook India](#)
[Business Standard](#) [New India Express](#) [The Hindu](#) [The Hindu](#) [News18](#) [Ndtv](#)
[Economic Times](#) [OdS](#) [Today](#) [Dna India](#) [Rtp Noticias o minuto](#) [Articulo66](#)
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[Times](#) [Perfil](#) [el Colombiano](#) [Agencia Brasil](#) [Correio Braziliense](#) [News18](#)
[Times of India](#) [OdS](#) [Seguio News](#) [Il Metropolitano](#) [Independent](#)
[Hindustan Times](#) [TiempoSur](#) [India Today](#) [Vanguardia](#)



Italy



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



Adulteration/ Product tampering
 Grey market



India



Alcoholic beverages



Adulteration/ Product tampering
 Grey market

The authorities seized 100 tons of yellow onions smuggled in the country and misdeclared as bread pastries (total value of 510 000 Euros).

[Manila Standard](#)

[Abs](#)

[Manila Times](#)



Philippines



Fruits and vegetables



Document forgery
Grey market

The authorities seized 73 000 litres of pomace oil mislabelled as extra-virgin olive oil (total value of almost 800 000 Euros).

[Lifestyle](#)

[O digital](#)

[Agro Portal](#)

[Sapo](#)



Portugal



Fats and oils



Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding

The authorities seized 8 000 bottles of liquor illegally produced.

[RepreTel](#)



Costa Rica



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The authorities seized 15 300 litres of palm oil without official documents (total value of 17 000 Euros).

[Gnlm](#)



Myanmar



Fats and oils



Grey market

The authorities seized 20 000 bottles of contraband Moutai liquor (total value of 4.75 million Euros).

[Macau Daily Times](#)



China



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market

The authorities seized 5.8 tons of contraband rice from Uzbekistan.

[24kg](#)



Kyrgyzstan



Cereals and bakery
products



Grey market

The authorities seized in total 500.5 tons of contraband rice.

[Tribune Online Ng](#)

[Tribune Online Ng](#)



Nigeria



Cereals and bakery
products



Grey market

The authorities seized in total 28.5 tons of ration rice meant for public distribution.

[The Hindu
of India](#)

[Uniindia](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Uniindia](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Times](#)



India



Cereals and bakery
products



Grey market

The authorities seized 25 tons contraband frozen meat (total value of 257 000 Euros).

[Mfame](#)



Hong Kong



Meat and meat products

							(other than poultry) Poultry meat and poultry meat products Grey market
							
The authorities seized 42 000 litres of illegally produced wine.							Kosovo
Kallxo	Prishtina Insight	Cambodian Times	Northern Ireland News	Nigeria			Wine
Sun	Long beach Star	Europe Sun	European Times				Grey market
The authorities seized 2 tons of spurious and unhealthy jaggery made of substandard gurr, sugar, chemicals, and non-food grade colours.							Pakistan
Urdu Point							Other food products/ mixed
							Adulteration/ Product tampering
The authorities seized illegally imported expired frozen meat (1.45 tons of beef and 3.1 tons of pork), with a total value of 17 000 Euros.							Philippines
Manila Bulletin							Meat and meat products (other than poultry)
							Grey market
The authorities seized around 746 tons of contraband frozen food (total value of 7.2 million Euros).							China
China.org							Food
							Grey market
The authorities seized 25 tons of illegal meat and beef offal from a clandestine processing facility.							Thailand
Chiangrai Times							Meat and meat products (other than poultry)
							Poultry meat and poultry meat products
The authorities seized 1.1 tons of contraband frozen pork (total value of 3 850 Euros).							Grey market
Thai pbs world							
The authorities seized 2 639 bottles of contraband alcohol.							Dominican Republic
N	el Caribe						Alcoholic beverages
							Grey market
The authorities seized in total 9 800 litres of milk adulterated with ghee, powder, detergent, polluted water and/or hazardous chemicals.							Pakistan
Urdu Point	Urdu Point	The News	The Frontier Post	Urdu Point			Milk and milk products
Urdu Point							Adulteration/ Product tampering
Between January 2021 and March 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)							USA

collected and tested 144 imported honey samples for undeclared sweeteners added to the product, uncovering an adulteration rate of 10% (14 out of 144) by using Stable Carbon Isotope Ratio Analysis (SCIRA).

[FDA](#) [FDA](#) [Food-safety](#) [Food Fraud Prevention Think Tank](#)

The authorities seized 1 600 tons of contraband soya, corn and wheat.

[Infocampo](#) [Agrocampana](#) [Hoydia](#) [Agritotal](#) [News agrofy](#)

The authorities seized 35 tons of contraband cacao from Ghana.

[Yeclo](#) [Ivoire Matin](#)

The authorities seized 1 ton of contraband chicken meat from Argentina.

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In another operation, the authorities seized 6.2 tons of contraband chicken meat.

[Paraguay](#)

The authorities seized 1 775 Christmas sweets either mislabelled as “artisanal” (while being in reality industrial products) or missing any label or traceability documentation.

[Carabinieri](#) [Salute.gov](#) [Ansa](#) [Ansa](#) [Rai News](#) [Repubblica](#) [Il Fatto](#)
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[Today](#) [Quotidiano sanità](#) [Ticino Libero](#) [MI Lorenteggio](#) [Corriere](#)
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The authorities seized 36 432 litres of contraband liquor (total value of 46 500 Euros).

[The Sun Daily](#)

The authorities seized 17 tons of contraband flour and alcoholic beverages from Argentina (total value of 38 500 Euros).

[Abi](#) [el Pais](#)

The authorities seized 2 tons of Christmas sweets and 2 tons of meat products and vegetables without traceability documentation.

[Il Roma](#) [Napoli Today](#) [Messina Today](#)



Honey and royal jelly



Adulteration/ Product tampering



Argentina



Cereals and bakery products

Fruits and vegetables



Grey market



Côte d'Ivoire



Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea



Grey market



Paraguay



Poultry meat and poultry meat products



Grey market



Italy



Cereals and bakery products



Grey market
Misdescription/
Mislabelling/ Misbranding



Malaysia



Alcoholic beverages



Grey market



Malaysia



Alcoholic beverages
Cereals and bakery products



Grey market



Italy

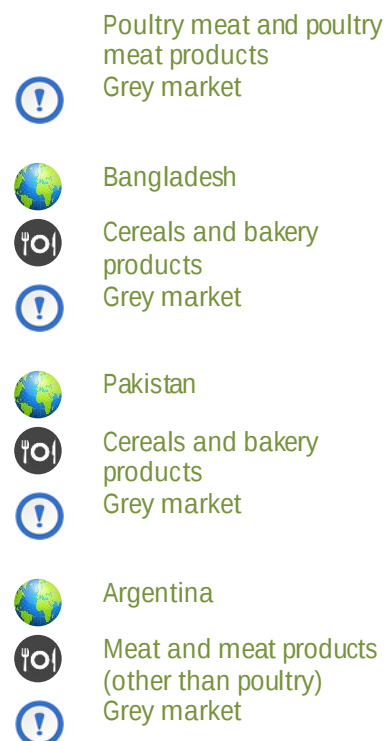


Cereals and bakery products
Fruits and vegetables
Meat and meat products (other than poultry)

Unidentified thieves have stolen 33 tons of rice from a warehouse.
[Dhaka Tribune](#)

The authorities seized 19.64 tons of contraband flour.
[The Nation](#)

The authorities seized 1.5 tons of smuggled frozen beef ribs.
[El Diario de la Pampa](#)



Other interesting articles

WHO global strategy for food safety 2022-2030

The World Health Organization (WHO) has published the "WHO global strategy for food safety 2022-2030". Within the document, food fraud is also mentioned as an important element to be taken into account in order to build more solid global food systems.

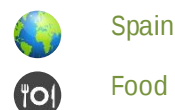
[WHO](#) [Food Fraud Think Tank](#)



AVICA reports food frauds in 2022

The Agencia Valenciana de Información y Control Alimentario (AVICA) reported 43 food frauds in 2022.

[Las Provincias](#)



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