

Foodstuff plant-based

FACT SHEET

2022



Legislation

New changes to MRLs pesticide residues

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(1\):6992](#)

Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for fosetyl/phosphonic acid in chards/beet leaves and honey resulting from the use of potassium phosphonates.

Marketing authorisation for dried coffee berry pulp renewed

[EU Official Journal L 9 of 14 January 2022, p. 29](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/47 of 13 January 2022 authorising the placing on the market of dried berry pulp of *Coffea arabica* L. and/or *Coffea canephora* Pierre ex A.Froehner and its infusion as a traditional foodstuff from a third country under Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.

MRLs for novaluron revised

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(1\):7041](#)

Review of the existing maximum residue levels for novaluron according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

MRLs of isoxaben revised, revision of six other MRLs not needed

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(1\):7061](#)

Pesticide active substances that do not require a review of the existing maximum residue levels under Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(1\):7062](#)

Review of the existing maximum residue levels for isoxaben according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

Applications for renewal of number of active substances in plant protection products

[EU Official Journal L 16 of 25 January 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/93 of 20 January 2022 amending Annexes II, III and IV to Regulation (EC) no. 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acrinathrin, fluvalinate, folpet, fosetyl, isofetamid, 'pepino mosaic virus, strain EU, weak isolate Abp1', 'pepino mosaic virus, strain CH2, weak isolate Abp2', spinetoram and spirotetramat in or on certain products.

EFSA sees safety concerns against dried flour because of cyclotides

[EFSA Journal 2022;19\(2\):EN-7084](#)

Notification of dried flowers of *Clitoria ternatea* L. as a traditional food from a third country under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

MRLs for tetraconazole revised

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(1\):7111](#)

Review of the existing maximum residue levels for tetraconazole according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

Getting sugar has no safe upper limit

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(2\):7074](#)

Scientific Opinion; Tolerable upper intake level for dietary sugars

Modified 'four-event stack maize' safe

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(3\):7134](#)

Assessment of genetically modified maize DP4114 × MON 810 × MIR604 × NK603 and subcombinations, for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2018-150).

Xuta seed grains not assessed as safe by EFSA

[EFSA Journal 2022;19\(3\):EN-7197](#)

Technical Report on the notification of xuta (edible variety of *Jatropha curcas* L.) roasted and ground seed kernels as a traditional food from a third country pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

Italian hazelnut amended in specification

[EU Official Journal L 106 of 5 April 2022, p. 3](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/536 of 29 March 2022 approving a non-minor amendment to the specification of a name entered in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Nocciola Romana' (PDO)).

Permits granted for marketing GMO rapeseed and soybean

[Public Gazette L 105 of 4 April 2022, p. 39](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/529 of 31 March 2022 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified oilseed rape 73496 (DP-Ø73496-4) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

[EU Official Journal L 105 of 4 April 2022, p. 51](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/531 of 31 March 2022 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified soybean GMB151 (BCS-GM151-6) pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Alternaria toxins in fruits, tomatoes and cereals cause EFSA concern

[EU Official Journal L 107 of 6 April 2022, p. 90](#)

Commission Recommendation (EU) 2022/553 of 5 April 2022 on monitoring the presence of Alternaria toxins in foodstuffs.

Control of glycoalkaloids in potatoes approved

[EU Official Journal L 108 of 7 April 2022, p. 66](#)

Commission Recommendation (EU) 2022/561 of 6 April 2022 on monitoring for the presence of glycoalkaloids in potatoes and potato derivatives.

MRL of flutianil on US fruit and vegetables increased

[EU Official Journal L 109 of 8 April 2022, p. 35](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/566 of 7 April 2022 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for flutianil in or on certain products

Application for modification of MRLs for sulfoxaflora

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(4\):7283](#)

Modification of the existing maximum residue levels for sulfoxaflor in various crops.

Pectin lyase and endo-polygalacturonase approved for use in production process fruit and vegetable juices

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(5\):7235](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme pectin lyase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus luchuensis* strain FLOSC.

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(4\):7236](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme endo-polygalacturonase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus luchuensis* strain FLYSC.

Note from tropical tree species *Canarium ovatum* (the pili) probably safe

[EFSA Journal 2022;19\(5\):EN-7314](#)

Technical Report on the notification of nuts of *Canarium ovatum* Engl. as a traditional food from a third country pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

Update on Salmonella outbreak in chocolate products from Belgian factory

[EFSA Journal 2022;19\(5\):EN-7352](#)

Multi-country outbreak of monophasic *Salmonella* Typhimurium sequence type 34 linked to chocolate products

Permits GMO corn and soybean for Pioneer Overseas Corporation approved

[Public Gazette L 141 of 20 May 2022, p. 123](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/798 of 19 May 2022 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified soya MON 87769 × MON 89788 pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council

EFSA assessed GM soya as safe

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(6\):7340](#)

Assessment of genetically modified soybean A5547-127 for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-020).

Genetically modified maize DP4114 × MON 810 × MIR604 × NK603 authorised

[EU Official Journal L 176 of 1 July 2022, p. 26](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1094 of 29 June 2022 authorising the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize DP4114 × MON 810 × MIR604 × NK603 and genetically modified maize resulting from the combination of two or three of the individual transformation steps DP4114, MON 810, MIR604 and NK603, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Inquiry into VAT reduction on fruit and vegetables and tax on sugar

[Chamber document; Parliamentary letter dated 5 July 2022 \(pdf\)](#)

Parliamentary letter on Plan of action on food prices.

Rapeseed MON 94100 as safe as conventional counterpart

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(7\):7411](#)

Assessment of genetically modified oilseed rape MON 94100 for food and feed uses, under regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2020-169).

Import tolerances will apply to residues of fludioxonil on sugar beet and bananas from today

[EU Official Journal L 192 of 21 July 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1264 of 20 July 2022 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for fludioxonil in or on certain products.

Maximum levels of phosmet reviewed by EFSA

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(7\):7448](#)

Review of the existing maximum residue levels for phosmet according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

Yarrow in the list of herbal substances

[EU Official Journal L 198 of 27 July 2022, p. 22](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1316 of 25 July 2022 amending Decision 2008/911/EC establishing a list of herbal substances, preparations and combinations thereof for use in traditional herbal medicinal products.

Maximum levels for hydrogen cyanide and ochratoxin A amended

[EU Official Journal L 205 of 5 August 2022, p. 227](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1364 of 4 August 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels for hydrogen cyanide in certain foods.

[EU Official Journal L 206 of 8 August 2022, p. 11](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1370 of 5 August 2022 amending Regulation (EC) 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels for ochratoxin A in certain foodstuffs.

Acute reference dose Δ9-THC exceeded

[EU Official Journal L 211 of 12 August 2022, p. 83](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1393 of 11 August 2022 amending Regulation (EC) 1881/2006 as regards the maximum levels of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (Δ 9-THC) in hemp seeds and derived products.

Nutritional enzyme endo-1,4- β -mannosidase found safe

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(8\):7478](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme mannan endo-1,4- β -mannosidase from the genetically modified *Trichoderma reesei* strain RF6232.

Protected geographical indication for Finocchio di Isola Capo Rizzuto (Italian fennel)

[EU Official Journal L 218 of 23 August 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1416 of 16 August 2022 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Finocchio di Isola Capo Rizzuto' (PGI)).

Alubia de Anguiano Spanish bean entered in the PDO register

[EU Official Journal L 220 of 25 August 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1425 of 18 August 2022 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications 'Alubia de Anguiano' (PDO).

Nagykörűi ropogós cseresznye (Hungarian cherry) listed PGI register

[EU Official Journal L 221 of 26 August 2022, p. 65](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1427 of 19 August 2022 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Nagykörűi ropogós cseresznye' (PGI)).

New limit for cyprodinil in soybeans and no MRL for Calcium carbonate, carbon dioxide and potassium hydrogen carbonate

[EU Official Journal L 224 of 30 August 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1435 of 26 August 2022 amending Annexes II and IV to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for calcium carbonate, carbon dioxide, cyprodinil and potassium hydrogen carbonate in or on certain products.

EFSA found GMO maize MIR162 safe

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(9\):7562](#)

Assessment of genetically modified maize MIR162 for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-025).

Watercress approved as a guaranteed traditional speciality

[EU Official Journal L 274 of 24 October 2022, p. 14](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2000 of 18 October 2022 entering a name in the register of traditional specialities guaranteed 'Watercress'/'Cresson de Fontaine'/'Berros de Agua'/'Agrião de Água'/'Watercress'/'Brunnenkresse' (TSG).

Marketing standards for olive oil tightened

[EU Official Journal L 284 of 4 November 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2104 of 29 July 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards marketing standards for olive oil and repealing Commission Regulation (EEC) No 2568/91 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 29/2012.

PGI for Castagna di Roccamonfina (Italian chestnut)

GMO rapeseed and maize as safe as conventional counterpart

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(11\):7590](#)

Assessment of genetically modified oilseed rape GT73 for placing on the market of isolated seed protein for food under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-026/2).

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(11\):7619](#)

Assessment of genetically modified maize DP4114 × MON 89034 × MON 87411 × DAS-40278-9 and subcombinations, for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA GMO-NL-2020-171).

Assessment gmo maize MON 95379

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(11\):7588](#)

Assessment of genetically modified maize MON 95379 for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2020-170).

Import of dried Kanari nuts as traditional food approved

[EFSA Journal 2022;19\(11\):EN-7640](#)

Technical Report on the notification of dried nuts of *Canarium amboinense* Hochr. as a traditional food from a third country pursuant to Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

Genetically modified maize MON 87429 found safe

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(11\):7589](#)

Assessment of genetically modified Maize MON 87429 for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2019-161).

MRLs for haloxyfop-P have been revised

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(11\):7658](#)

Targeted review of maximum residues levels (MRLs) for haloxyfop-P.

Further research on the safety of green tea extracts in relation to liver damage

[EU Official Journal L 310 of 1 December 2022, p. 7](#)

Commission Regulation (Eu) 2022/2340 of 30 November 2022 amending Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards green tea extracts containing (-)-epigallocatechin-3-gallate.

GMO soya varieties MON 87701, MON 87701 × MON 89788 and 40-3-2 approved

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(12\):7683](#)

Assessment of genetically modified soybean MON 87701 for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-021).

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(12\):7684](#)

Assessment of genetically modified soybean MON 87701 × MON 89788 for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-022).

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(12\):7685](#)

Assessment of genetically modified soybean 40-3-2 for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-RX-023).

Fraud

Rice grey market in Bangladesh

Unidentified thieves have stolen 33 tons of rice from a warehouse.

[Dhaka Tribune](#)

Contraband flour in Pakistan

The authorities seized 19.64 tons of contraband flour.

[The nation](#)

Contraband products in Malaysia

[Abi](#)

[el Pais](#)

Contraband cacao in Côte d'Ivoire

35 tons of contraband cacao from Ghana were seized by the authorities.

[Yeclo](#)

[Ivoire Matin](#)

Contraband food products in Argentina

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

[Infocampo](#)

[Agrocampana](#)

[Hoydia](#)

[Agritotal](#)

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Adulterated jaggery in Pakistan

The authorities seized 2 tons of spurious and unhealthy jaggery made of substandard gurr, sugar, chemicals, and non-food grade colors.

[Urdu Point](#)

Grey market in India

A total of 28.5 tons of rice meant for public distribution were seized by the authorities.

[The Hindu](#)

[Uniindia](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Uniindia](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Times](#)

Contraband rice in Nigeria

The authorities seized in total 500.5 tons of contraband rice.

[Tribune Online Ng](#)

[Tribune Online Ng](#)

Contraband rice in Kyrgyzstan

5.8 tons of contraband rice from Uzbekistan were seized by the authorities.

[24kg](#)

Palm oil lacking documents in Myanmar

A total of 15 300 liters of palm oil without official documents were seized by the authorities in Myanmar. The total value was 17 000 euros.

[Gnlm](#)

Grey market in the Philippines

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

[Manila Standard](#)

[Abs](#)

[Manila Times](#)

Mislabeled pomace oil in Portugal

A total of 73 000 liters of pomace oil mislabeled as extra-virgin oil was seized by the authorities.

[Lifestyle](#)

[O digital](#)

[Agro portal](#)

[Sapo](#)

Contraband vegetables in Paraguay

The authorities seized 33 tons of contraband tomatoes and bell peppers.

[Ultima hora](#)

Chinese supermarket controls

Over a thousand food products were seized in a Chinese supermarket in Padova, Italy. The main infractions concerned the lack of labeling, especially the indications of origin for fruits and vegetables.

[ANSA](#)

Robbed olives

Several robberies of olives happened in Estremadura (Spain), for a total of 17 tons. According to the producers, it will be a good test for the recent olive traceability decree implemented in the country and see if and when the product will reappear on the market. This year's harvest was of particularly good quality and the price of olive oil should rise.

[Agro Informacion](#)

Grapes issue Italy

28 000 hectolitres of table grapes must be seized close to Bari. The product was lacking all the necessary documentation. The owners were fined by the fraud repression agency (ICQRF).

[ANSA](#)

Grapes without documentation Portugal

The ASAE seized 50 000 liters of grape must entering Portugal from an unknown foreign country. The documentation was falsified, and the content of the two trucks, worth around 30 000 EUR, was seized.

Concentrated grape fraud Italy

A truck transporting 20 000 liters of grapes must be stopped on its way from southern Italy to Slovakia. After producing false documents, the Czech driver admitted running a fraudulent activity and was fined 4000 EUR.

[Messaggero Veneto \(Udine\)](#)

Pineapple fraud due to shortage

Professor Elliott, the director of the Institute of Food Safety at Queen's University in Belfast, warns that processed pineapple products are increasingly vulnerable to fraud, with criminals diluting or marring supplies.

[Express \(UK\)](#)

Mislabelling in France

The authorities seized 4.5 tons of fruits and vegetables (tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, and apricots) with labels faking the origin of the products as 'Made in France'.

[Bfmtv](#)

[France bleu](#)

[France3](#)

[20minutes](#)

[La Roche sure Yon](#)

[TF1Info](#)

[Ouest France](#)

Contraband tomatoes in Paraguay

The authorities seized 4 tons of contraband tomatoes from Argentina.

[Cronica](#)

Illegal soy export in Argentina

The authorities seized 5.5 tons of soy ready to be illegally exported to Brazil.

[Misiones online](#)

Tomatoes smuggled from Argentina

The authorities in Paraguay seized 4.5 tons of tomatoes smuggled from Argentina.

[Megacadena](#)

Contraband products in French Guiana

3 tons of illegal fruits and vegetables were taken by the authorities.

[Blada](#)

[France TV info](#)

[France Guyane](#)

Contraband soybean and corn

The Naval Prefecture confiscated 15 tons of illegal soybeans and grain (total value of 131 000 Euros).

[El Agrario](#)

Contraband tomatoes and flour in Paraguay

The authorities seized 24 tons of contraband tomatoes and 8.75 tons of contraband flour.

[Ultima hora](#)

Criminal organization adulterating soybeans in Brazil

In the operation 'Graos de Areia' (Grains of Sand), the authorities dismantled a criminal organization adulterating bulk soybeans and soybean meal with sand, before being exported to China. It is estimated that 9 000 tons of soybean have been adulterated.

[O documento](#)

[G1 Globo](#)

[Diario de Cuiaba](#)

[Midia News](#)

[Agoramt](#)

[Gazeta digital](#)

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[O documento](#)

[AgoraMT](#)

[G1 Globo](#)

32 people arrested for stealing fruits and vegetables in Spain

The authorities have arrested 32 people and are investigating another 49 for stealing 518 tons of fruits and vegetables from crop fields.

[Europa press](#)

[Diariodia](#)

[20minutos](#)

[Noticiasde](#)

[Gente digital](#)

In another operation, the authorities seized 1.35 tons of fruits and vegetables (tomatoes, red pepper, and avocados) lacking phytosanitary certificates and traceability documentation.

[El Dia](#)

[Diario de Avisos](#)

[el Diario](#)

[Canarias7](#)

Soybean without proper documentation in Argentina

The authorities seized 1 000 tons of soybean and corn without the proper documentation (total value of 1 220 000 Euros).

[Telam](#)

Contraband soybean and corn

The Naval Prefecture confiscated 15 tons of illegal soybeans and grain (total value of 131 000 Euros).

[El Agrario](#)

Local wheat illegally traded in Egypt

The Interior Ministry seized almost 107 000 tons of local wheat traded illegally.

[Ahran](#)

Smuggled soybeans in Argentina

The authorities seized 60 tons of smuggled soybeans.

[Primera Edicion](#)

In 2022 the authorities have seized in total 2 300 tons of contraband soybeans, 879 tons of contraband corn, and 29 tons of contraband beans (total value of 2.3 million Euros).

[Primera Edicion](#)

[Clarín](#)

Jaggery adulterated with added sugar

The Indian authorities have seized 5 tons of jaggery and almost 11.5 tons of sugar from three jaggery factories. Jaggery was adulterated with added sugar, which is not permitted.

[Times of India](#)

Contraband soybean in Argentina

The authorities seized 62 tons of contraband soybean.

[Noticias del 6](#)

Contraband soybean and corn seized in Bolivia

620 tons of illegal transgenic soybean and corn were seized by the authorities (total value of almost 870 000 Euros).

[Abi](#)

[Pagina Siete](#)

[Erbol](#)

[El Pais](#)

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Grey market in Bolivia

The government seized 200 tons of illegal grain, alcohol, and soybeans in a single week.

[Perfil](#)

Corn and soybean seized in Argentina

The National Gendarmerie seized 69 tons of contraband corn and 30 tons of contraband soybean.

[Perfil](#)

Contraband tomatoes from Brazil seized in Uruguay

The Canelones Police Headquarters and the Customs seized a truck with 17 or 24* tons of contraband tomatoes from Brazil (total value of 91 200 Euros).

[Montevideo](#)

[El Observador](#)

[Montevideo](#)

[Telenoche](#)

*the articles report different numbers

Sugar illegally smuggled to Afghanistan

The authorities seized 6 tons of sugar intended to be smuggled to Afghanistan.

[Tribune](#)

Adulterated kind of sugar seized in Pakistan

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Safety and Halal Food Authority (KP FS& H FA) seized over 4 tons of substandard jaggery (Gurr) adulterated with chemicals and non-food grade colors.

[Urdu Point](#)

[The Frontier Post](#)

[The News](#)

Seized sugar in Malaysia

The authorities seized 300 tons of sugar from an unlicensed warehouse (total value of almost 182 000 Euros).

[The Sun Daily](#)

Contraband sugar in Paraguay

The authorities seized 2.8 tons of suspected contraband sugar.

[Ultima hora](#)

Grey market in Algeria

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

[Aps](#)

Undeclared sugar seized in Argentina

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

[Telam](#)

Cooking oil and sugar black market in Malaysia

The Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) recovered about 1.2 tons of coarse grain sugar and 460 kg of cooking oil that had been illegally marketed for a combined price of 1,550 euros.

[The Sun Daily](#)

[Prn](#)

[The Star](#)

Sugar grey market in The Philippines

7 021 tons of sugar that were allegedly being smuggled out of Thailand was intercepted by the Bureau of Customs inspectors (total value of almost 810 000 Euros).

[Phil Star](#)

[GMA Network](#)

[Manila Metro](#)

[Manila Metro](#)

[Tribune](#)

[FleetMon](#)

[Manila Bulletin](#)

[Maritime Bulletin](#)

[Abs Cbn](#)

[Sunstar](#)

[Manila Times](#)

[Tribune](#)

[Tribune](#)

[Manila Standards](#)

[Tribune](#)

3 300 tons of rice and 650 tons of sugar that were being smuggled from Vietnam and Thailand were intercepted by the Bureau of Customs (total value of more than 4.1 million Euros).

[Manila Bulletin](#)

3 000 tons of smuggled sugar from Thailand were seized by the authorities.

[SunStar](#)

Sugar illegally stored in Bangladesh

The authorities seized 29 tons of sugar illegally stored.

[Bss News](#)

Contraband rice seized in India

The authorities seized in total 40.2 tons of contraband rice meant for public distribution.

[Times of India](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Times of India](#)

[The Hindu](#)

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[The Hindu](#)

[Business Standard](#)

Counterfeit rice in India

An Indian company has been fined for selling Jawaphool rice misbranded as DAAWA Basmati rice with labels and packaging mimicking those of another brand.

[Indian express](#)

Grey market in Nigeria

The authorities seized in total 420.1 tons of contraband rice.

[Sun News Online](#)

[Pulse](#)

Poisonous Chinese Rice in Nigeria

The Nigerian customs warned the population that fake rice made of plastic is entering the national market. The plastic rice is made using a mixture of sweet potatoes and synthetic resin formed into "grains." The rice substitute is then sprayed with a fragrance to mimic the smell of Wuchang rice thus making it difficult to distinguish between the two products.

[Sun News Online](#)

Grey market in Nigeria

Between July and September, the authorities seized almost 568 tons of foreign parboiled rice smuggled into the country.

[Leadership](#)

[Online Nigeria](#)

Contraband rice in India

The authorities seized in total 8.6 tons of contraband rice meant for public distribution.

[The Hindu](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Uniindia](#)

[The Hindu](#)

In 18 months, the Tamil Nadu government seized more than 9 000 tons of contraband rice meant for public distribution.

[The times of India](#)

Smuggled corn in Brazil

The authorities seized 11.5 tons of smuggled corn.

[Clarín](#)

Fake maize seeds confiscated in Zimbabwe

The authorities seized 8 tons of fake maize seeds (total value of 20 000 Euros).

[Sunday mail](#)

[Daily News](#)

Smuggled flour in Pakistan

The authorities seized 12 578 tons of smuggled flour during the last three months.

[Pakobserver](#)

[The Nation](#)

Grey market in Argentina

The Argentine Naval Prefecture seized 3.16 tons of corn and 5.25 tons of soybean intended to be smuggled to Brazil.

[Misiones Online](#)

In another operation, the authorities seized 7.8 tons of contraband corn.

[Misiones Online](#)

[Primera Edición](#)

Contraband rice in India

90 tons of contraband rice meant for the public were seized by the authorities.

[Times of India](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Times of India](#)

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[Times of India](#)

[The Hindu](#)

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Contraband rice in Kenya

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

[The Star](#)

[Kenyans](#)

Contraband corn in Argentina

The authorities seized in total 68 tons of contraband corn.

[Primera edicion](#)

[Misiones online](#)

[Primera edicion](#)

Contraband wheat and flour in Pakistan

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

[Urdu Point](#)

[Tribune](#)

[The News](#)

[Urdu Point](#)

[Urdu Point](#)

The authorities have prevented 3 400 tons of wheat and flour from being smuggled into the country.

[Urdu Point](#)

[Pakobserver](#)

[Pakobserver](#)

[Tribune](#)

Contraband rice and wheat seized in India

The authorities seized almost 272 tons of contraband rice and wheat meant for public distribution.

[Uniindia](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[The Hindu](#)

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[The Hindu](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Times of India](#)

[Hindustan Times](#)

Contraband corn seized in Uruguay

30 tons of contraband corn were seized by the authorities (total value of 6 100 Euros).

[Diario26](#)

Contraband wheat

500 tons of contraband wheat were seized by the authorities in Pakistan.

[Urdu Point](#)

[The News](#)

[Urdu Point](#)

Faulty expiration dates on rice packaging

50 tons of rice with incorrect expiration dates and weights were seized by the authorities in Angola.

[Journal de Angola](#)
[Journal de Angola](#)
[Journal de Angola](#)
[Angola online](#)

Grey market in Bolivia

The government seized 200 tons of illegal grain, alcohol, and soybeans in a single week.

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The government seized 15 tons of contraband corn.
[Abi](#)
[Reduno](#)

Grey market in The Philippines

3 300 tons of rice and 650 tons of sugar that were being smuggled from Vietnam and Thailand were intercepted by the Bureau of Customs (total value of more than 4.1 million Euros).

[Manila Bulletin](#)

Contraband parboiled rice seized in Nigeria

18.15 tons of contraband parboiled rice were confiscated by the Nigeria Customer Service.

[Punch ng](#)
[Daily Post Ng](#)
[Premium Times Ng](#)
[allAfrica](#)

Smuggled rice in India

The authorities seized 50.5 tons of smuggled rice meant for the Public Distribution System (PDS).

[The Hindu](#)
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Wheat seized in Pakistan

The authorities seized in total 346 tons of contraband wheat or fine wheat flour (maida).

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

Contraband soybean and corn

The Naval Prefecture confiscated 15 tons of illegal soybeans and grain (total value of 131 000 Euros).

[El Agrario](#)

Local wheat illegally traded in Egypt

The Interior Ministry seized almost 107 000 tons of local wheat traded illegally.

[Ahram](#)

Rice seized in Nigeria

The authorities seized almost 38 tons of contraband rice (a total value of 43 170 Euros).

[Daily Post](#)

Old Staple foods relabelled with new expiry date

The authorities seized 19 tons of rice, pasta and cous cous expired since 3 years but relabelled with a new expiry date.

[Corriere Romagna](#)

[Il Resto del Carlino](#)

[Ravenna Notizie](#)

[La Nuova Ferrara](#)

[Repubblica](#)

9 tons of corn smuggled corn seized

The authorities seized in total 9 tons of contraband corn.

[Primera Edicion](#)

Rice meant for public distribution offered for sale

Between May 2021 and April 2022, the authorities seized 1 254 tons of rice meant for the public distribution system but instead offered for sale.

[Times of India](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Times of India](#)

Wheat seized in Italy

The authorities seized 105 tons of wheat. Seeds were missing the required certification, and the wheat faked the labels and documentation with names from protected varieties.

[Foggia Today](#)

[LacNews24](#)

[Giornale di Sicilia](#)

[Noi notizie](#)

Rice seized in India

The authorities seized in total 39,4 tons of rice intended for the public distribution system.

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[Times of India](#)

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In another operation, 10 tons of rice illegally kept were seized as well.

[The Hindu](#)

Contraband cereals seized by the authorities in India

The authorities seized in total 131.2 tons of contraband ration cereals intended for the public distribution system. Since May, the authorities seized almost 4 048 tons of contraband cereals.

[The Hindu](#)

[Times of India](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Times of India](#)

Rice seized in Nigeria

In April, the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) seized 250.15 tons of contraband foreign parboiled rice.

[Daily post](#)

3 tons of contraband rice seized in Malaysia

The authorities seized almost 3 tons of contraband rice (total value of 5 390 Euros).

[The Sun daily](#)

[Malay mail](#)

[Bernama](#)

[The Malaysian Insight](#)

Smuggled rice from Senegal

The Mauritanian authorities seized 40 tons of smuggled rice from Senegal.

[Cridem](#)

Contraband rice seized in Nigeria

The authorities seized in total 284.85 tons of contraband rice between 9th February and 21st March.

[Authorityngr](#)

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[Daily Post](#)

[Sun News Online](#)

[Daily Post](#)

In India rice with no tracing documentation seized

The Civil Supplies CID Unit seized 5.1 tons of contraband rice meant for distribution through the public distribution system.

[The Hindu](#)

Grey market in Pakistan

The government seized 620 tons of contraband wheat and flour in total.

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[The Nation](#)

[PakObserver](#)

[Urdu Point](#)

[The Nation](#)

[PakObserver](#)

[The News](#)

[The Frontier Post](#)

Contraband wheat seized in Pakistan

The authorities seized in total 2 737 tons of contraband wheat.

[Urdu Point](#)

[Brecorder](#)

[The News](#)

[The Nation](#)

The authorities from Pakistan seized a lot of wheat

During 771 raids the authorities seized 10990 tons of wheat from hoarders and smugglers.

[Urdu Point](#)

Cooking oil and sugar black market in Malaysia

The Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDNHEP) recovered about 1.2 tons of coarse grain sugar and 460 kg of cooking oil that had been illegally marketed for a combined price of 1,550 euros.

[The Sun Daily](#)

[Prn](#)

[The Star](#)

Mislabelled olive oil in Brazil

The authorities seized 8 640 bottles of compound oil (soybean oil and other vegetable oils) mislabelled as containing olive oil.

[Revista Negocio rural](#)

Fake olive oil in Portugal

6000 liters of fake olive oil for a total value of 30 000 EUR were seized at an importing and packaging company from northern Portugal. It is accused of diluting olive oil with other vegetable oils. A criminal procedure has been initiated since the company was involved in fraudulent manipulations in the past.

[TVI24](#)

Smuggled olive oil in Italy

The authorities seized 1 429 liters of olive oil smuggled into the country from Tunisia.

[Civonline](#)

Multiple quality test olive oil failed

Out of 20 brands tested by Proteste (a consumer association), 8 did not meet the quality standards. Four of them contained other vegetable oils (substitution), and another four failed the sensory tests for extra virgin olive oil (mislabelling). The organization requests the withdrawal of fraudulent products from the market.

[Protesto](#)

[Estado De Minas](#)

Adulterated olive oil in Spain

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](#)

Olive oil fraud in France

The Directorate General for Competition, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Prevention (DGCCRF) published the 2020 survey on olive oil quality. DGCCRF carried out 206 inspections at 177 establishments, analyzing in total 97 samples. More than a third of the establishments checked had anomalies, mostly concerning the absence or inadequacy of labeling information, substitution of olive oil with other vegetable oils, or wrong geographical origins. Almost half of the 97 samples taken were non-compliant in terms of organoleptic characteristics.

[Economie.gouv.fr](#)

[Teller Report](#)

[Rtl](#)

[Capital](#)

[L'Union](#)

[L'Est éclair](#)

[Global Foodmate](#)

[Il Salvagente](#)

[Teatro naturale](#)

Adulterated olive oil in Morocco

The authorities seized 10 tons of poor-quality olive oil adulterated with other materials (up to 50% of their volume).

[Le360](#)

Counterfeited olive oil in Argentina

The National Administration of Medicines, Food and Medical Technology (Anmat) warned consumers about the counterfeiting of a famous brand of olive oil. Selling has consequently been banned.

[Argentina.gob](#)

[La Nacion](#)

[Infobae](#)

[Revista Chacra](#)

[Agrofy News](#)

[el Diario Nuevo Dia](#)

[Mdzol](#)

[el Litoral](#)

[Diario Uno](#)

[ambito](#)

[La noticia1](#)

[Los Andes](#)

[Noticias bariloche](#)

Extra virgin olive oil samples failed to meet the required standards

Researchers from China and Spain examined the quality of extra-virgin olive oil (EVOO) imported into China from Spain, Greece, Italy, Turkey, Tunisia, and Australia. Almost 72% of the 85 samples failed to reach the required quality requirements, with aging, oxidation, and counterfeiting with refined oils being the main issues. Specifically:

- 47% not conforming to the standards for commercial EVOO
- 3.5% bearing wrong geographical origin
- 6% adulterated with other refined oils

[Journal of Food Composition and Analysis](#)

[Securing Industry](#)

Non-compliant extra-virgin olive oil

In “Operation Verum et Oleum”, the authorities found 2 300 000 liters of non-compliant extra-virgin olive oil (27.2 percent of analyzed samples). The most recurrent non-compliance involved the mislabelling of virgin olive oil as “extra virgin”, followed by the lack of traceability documentation. The authorities seized as well olive oil for a total value of 170 000 Euros.

[Today](#)

[Targato CN](#)

[La voce di Alba](#)

[Liguria oggi](#)

[Bari today](#)

Untraceable olive oil seized by the authorities in Italy

The authorities seized 2.76 tons of olive oil without traceability documentation (total value of 30 000 Euros).

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[Il Fatto Alimentare](#)

Fake olive oil from Spain

The Spanish Agency for Food Safety and Nutrition (Aesan) has launched an alert regarding the clandestine production of fake olive oil and extra-virgin olive oil containing a mix of other vegetable oils. Additionally, those products are not considered safe for human consumption as they lack proper traceability.

[AESAN](#)

[Alimente](#)

[Bullfrag](#)

[Granada Hoy](#)

[Europa Sur](#)

Olive oil without documentation in Italy

The Carabinieri seized 2.76 tons of olive oil (a total value of 30 000 Euros) lacking the required traceability documentation.

[Lecce sette](#)

[Antenna Sud](#)

[Lecce prima](#)

[Trnews](#)

[La gazzetta del mezzogiorno](#)

[Askaneews](#)

Palm oils with dangerous Sudan IV dye

In October 2021, the Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) discovered that 23% (70/ 306 samples) of palm, oils analyzed contained Sudan IV dye, a dangerous chemical not supposed to be ingested.

[Cnr](#)

Fake tea in Pakistan

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 colors. Hygiene requirements were not respected as well.

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[The News](#)

Fake tea leaves were seized in Pakistan

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Safety and Halal Food Authority (KP FS&HFA) seized 5 tons of fake tea leaves produced by mixing bran, husk, jaggery, and non-food grade colors.

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[The Nation](#)

Illegally sold tea in India

The authorities seized 1.27 tons of tea bags illegally sold without license.

[Mid-day](#)

Mislabeled tea in Taiwan

The authorities destroyed 9.6 tons of tea leaves imported from Vietnam but mislabeled as from Taiwan.

[Taiwan news](#)

Pakistanian Food Safety and Halal Food Authority seized adulterated tea

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Food Safety and Halal Food Authority (KP FS&HFA) seized 1.2 tons of tea leaves adulterated with non-food grade colors.

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[The News](#)

Illegal coffee seized by the local authority in Burundi

The authority seized 27 tons of parchment coffee ready to be sold illegally.

[Rtnb](#)

Nuts without the required traceability documentation

The authorities seized 1.125 tons of pulses and nuts without the required traceability documentation.

[Carabinieri](#)

[Sicilia Oggi Notizie](#)

[Blog Sicilia](#)

[Grandangolo Agrigento](#)

[Itaca Notizie](#)

Fraudulently rice seized by authorities in India

The authorities seized in total 80.6 tons of rice meant for supply through the Public Distribution System (PDS) and fraudulently diverted for private sale.

[The Hindu](#)

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[Times of India](#)

Illegal corn exported from Argentina

The Argentine Naval Prefecture seized 12 tons of corn grains intended to be illegally exported.

[Noticias del 6](#)

[Agrofy](#)

In another operation, the authorities seized 300 tons of soybean and 17 tons of corn intended to be smuggled to Brazil.

[Misiones online](#)

[el Litoral](#)

In a third operation, the authorities seized another 30 tons of contraband corn.

[Primera Edicion](#)

Extra virgin oil was not so extra

The consumer program Patti Chiari revealed that 2 out of 10 (20%) bottles of extra-virgin olive oil contained just virgin olive oil.

[RTS](#)

In Oman bottles of fake liquor were seized

Oman Customs seized 16 000 contraband bottles of alcoholic beverages.

[Times of Oman](#)

Contraband wheat seized in Pakistan

The authorities seized 3 410 bags of contraband wheat.

[The News](#)

[Urdu Point](#)

In another operation, the authorities seized 200 metric tons of smuggled wheat.

[The News](#)

Coffee seized by police from Kukes

The Kukes police seized 3.5 tons of smuggled coffee.

[Albanian Daily News](#)

Fake honey sold in Pakistan

The Punjab Food Authority (PFA) discarded almost 1.6 tons of fake honey produced by mixing glucose, sugar syrup, harmful chemicals, non-food grade artificial colors, and other prohibited ingredients.

[Urdu Point](#)

Rice seized by authorities in Namibia

The authorities seized in total 40 tons of smuggled ration rice meant for supply through the Public Distribution System (PDS).

[Nampa](#)

Spelt contaminated with wheat in Germany

The German authorities discovered that 20% of 133 spelt products analyzed actually contained wheat. Half of the samples contained only low levels (<5%) of common wheat contamination. In another 28% of the samples the contamination was still within the tolerance range (up to 10%). In case of contamination percentages above 20%, the sole use of the term “spelt” is considered misleading.

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[GreenMe](#)

Smuggled rice seized in Nigeria

The Nigerian Navy seized 2 tons of smuggled rice.

[Sun News Online](#)

[Punch](#)

[Daily Post](#)

Deputy mayor under investigation for smuggling

The authorities have placed a city deputy mayor under investigation for smuggling onions, potatoes, carrots, apples, and groceries from South Africa, for a total value of almost 88 000 Euros.

[Bulawayo](#)

[Zimeye](#)

[Zimbabwe situation](#)

Vanilla is not always vanilla

In 2019, the Direction générale de la concurrence, de la consommation et de la répression des fraudes (DGCCRF) carried out a survey targeting vanilla-based products. 25% of the 177 establishments inspected did not comply with the related legislation. In addition, 25% of vanilla

Pods, 50% of vanilla extracts or flavors, and 33% of vanilla sugars were not compliant as well. Typical frauds include: replacing vanilla products with lower-quality ones; intensifying taste/smell/appearance; reproducing the vanilla flavor with synthetic vanillin; adding caramel to standardize the color.

Economie.gov.fr

[Greenme](#)

[Food Navigator](#)

[Gastronomia y cia](#)

Coffee seized with wrong labels

The Civil Police seized more than 15 tons of coffee with uncompliant packaging, high moisture content, or wrong labels. Some products also contained corn mixed with coffee.

[G1 Globo](#)

In China vegetables and chicken seasoning were seized

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) fined a company for illegally importing food products from China. The SFA seized 5 tons of processed vegetables and 450 kg of chicken seasoning powder with meat content.

[CNA](#)

Smuggled rice seized in India

The Indian Police seized 30 tonnes of smuggled ration rice meant for supply under the Public Distribution System.

[The Hindu](#)

Mislabeled oats seized in Italy

The Italian Carabinieri seized 780 tons of oat (total value of 4.8 million Euros), part of which was mislabeled as “organic”, and not fully compliant with the traceability requirements. The products were stored within unauthorized establishments characterized by low hygiene conditions.

[Sardegna Gol](#)

French wheat labeled as Italian wheat

The Italian authorities have accused a pasta manufacturer of mislabelling 4 500 tons of French wheat as Italian wheat.

[Il Fatto Quotidiano](#)

[Il mattino](#)

[Il Messaggero](#)

[Il Gazzettino](#)

[Chieti Today](#)