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In Northern Ireland outbreaks of bird flu

[Public Gazette L 461I of 27 December 2021, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/2310 of 21 December 2021 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 concerning certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Repeal measures bird flu around Den Ham

Regulation repealing the Regulation on measures for the surveillance zone for highly pathogenic bird flu Ravels 2021 (pdf)

[Regulation by the Minister for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 6 January 2022, no. WJZ/22007035, repealing the Regulation on measures for the surveillance zone for highly pathogenic avian influenza Ravels 2021.](#)

[Regulation amending the Regulation on Measures for the Protection and Surveillance Zone for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Den Ham 2021 \(pdf\).](#)

Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 6 January 2022, no WJZ/22007037, amending the Regulation on measures for the protection and surveillance zone for highly pathogenic bird flu Den Ham 2021.

In Blija and Bentelo measures due to bird flu

[Regulation on measures in the protection and surveillance zone for highly pathogenic avian influenza Blija 2022 \(pdf\)](#)

Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 3 January 2022, no WJZ/21336317, concerning specific measures in the protection and surveillance zone in connection with the control of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Blija (Regulation on measures for the protection and surveillance zone for highly pathogenic avian influenza Blija 2022).

[Regulation on measures for the protection and surveillance zone for highly pathogenic avian influenza Bentelo 2022 \(pdf\).](#)

Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 4 January 2022, no WJZ/22004213, on specific measures in the protection and surveillance zone in connection with the control of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Bentelo.

Bird flu outbreaks in Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, France, Italy, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Croatia and Spain

[EU Official Journal L 18 of 27 January 2022, p. 11](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/106 of 21 January 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

New outbreaks of bird flu in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, France, Italy, the Netherlands and Poland

[Public Gazette L 24 of 3 February 2022, p. 6](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/145 of 31 January 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Avian influenza in the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Spain, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania and Portugal

[EU Official Journal L 42 of 23 February 2022, p. 9](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/257 of 21 February 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Bird flu in the Netherlands update

[EU Official Journal L 64 of 2 March 2022, p. 60](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/349 of 28 February 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Fewer veterinary drug residues found in 2020

[EFSA Journal Volume 19, Issue 2, February 2022, 7143E](#)

Report for 2020 on the results from the monitoring of veterinary medicinal product residues and other substances in live animals and animal products.

Avian flu status in Europe

[EU Official Journal L 85 of 14 March 2022, p. 42](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/417 of 8 March 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Avian flu update

[EU Official Journal L 92 of 21 March 2022, p. 12](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/454 of 16 March 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Avian flu in quite a few member states

[EU Official Journal L 104 of 1 April 2022, p. 74](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/522 of 29 March 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Avian flu in the EU update

[EU Official Journal L 115 of 13 April 2022, p. 90](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/623 of 11 April 2022 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States

Portuguese beef listed in PDO register

[EU Official Journal L 117 of 19 April 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/630 of 8 April 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 'Carne Mertolenga' (PDO).

MRL set for the antibiotic bambermycin in poultry

Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 lists pharmacologically active substances including their classification according to maximum residue levels (MRLs) in food of animal origin. Bambermycin is an antibiotic already authorised for use in rabbits. An application to extend its use in chickens has been submitted. The Commission has therefore asked the European Medicines Agency (EMA) to set MRLs for use in chicken meat. A distinction is made between muscle, skin and fat, liver and kidney. The EMA assessed that it is appropriate to extrapolate the MRLs set for chicken meat to all poultry species (excluding poultry eggs). The MRLs are set out in the annex to the regulation. The use in animals producing eggs for human consumption is not authorised.

[EU Official Journal L 117 of 19 April 2022, p. 29](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/634 of 13 April 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 on the classification of the substance bambermycin as regards its maximum residue limit in foodstuffs of animal origin.

Avian flu in the EU update

[EU Official Journal L 128 of 2 May 2022, p. 3](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/690 of 26 April 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Still bird flu in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, France, Hungary, the Netherlands and Poland

[EU Official Journal L 137 of 16 May 2022, p. 84](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/745 of 11 May 2022 amending the annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Europe under the spell of bird flu

[EU Official Journal L 146 of 25 May 2022, p. 13](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/817 of 20 May 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Animal product import conditions adjusted

[Public Gazette EU L 154 of 7 June 2022, p. 23](#)

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/887 of 28 March 2022 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/625 as regards Combined Nomenclature and Harmonised System codes and import conditions for certain composite products, amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2122 as regards certain goods and pet birds exempt from official controls at border checkpoints and amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/630 as regards rules for composite products exempt from official controls at border checkpoints.

In Hungary, the Netherlands and Slovakia, avian influenza

[EU Official Journal L 156 of 9 June 2022, p. 3](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/898 of 3 June 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 concerning certain emergency measures relating to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

No more bird flu in Gelderse Valley, new outbreaks in Hierden

[Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 3 June 2022 \(pdf\)](#)

Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 3 June 2022, no WJZ/22229118, repealing regulations on protection and surveillance zones due to highly pathogenic avian influenza in Gelderse Valley and amending the Regulation on veterinary measures specific animal diseases or zoonoses.

[Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality dated 7 June 2022 \(pdf\)](#).

Regulation of the Minister for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 7 June 2022, no WJZ/22243219, concerning specific measures in the protection and surveillance zone in connection with the control of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Hierden IV (Regulation on measures for the protection and surveillance zone for highly pathogenic avian influenza in Hierden IV 2022).

[Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 10 June 2022 \(pdf\)](#)

Regulation of the Minister for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 10 June 2022, No WJZ/22249190, on specific measures in the protection and surveillance zone in connection with the control of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Hierden V.

[Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality dated 10 June 2022 \(pdf\)](#).

Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 10 June 2022, No WJZ/22249191, on specific measures in the protection and surveillance zone in connection with the control of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Hierden VI.

Avian flu update and new protective measures

[EU Official Journal L 162 of 17 June 2022, p. 37](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/937 of 16 June 2022 repealing Decision 2006/563/EC concerning certain protection measures in relation to highly pathogenic avian influenza of subtype H5N1 in wild birds in the Community.

[Public Gazette L 165 of 21 June 2022, p. 47](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/963 of 17 June 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

EU update bird flu

[EU Official Journal L 170 of 28 June 2022, p. 85](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1021 of 27 June 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Bird flu in Belgium and the Netherlands update

[EU Official Journal L 185 of 12 July 2022, p. 138](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1200 of 11 July 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Avian flu in Germany and Poland update

[EU Official Journal L 199 of 28 July 2022, p. 12](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1320 of 26 July 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Avian flu update in Germany, the Netherlands and Poland

[EU Official Journal L 203 of 3 August 2022, p. 3](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1351 of 2 August 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Avian flu in EU countries update

[EU Official Journal L 213 of 16 August 2022, p. 65](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1402 of 12 August 2022 amending the annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Trichinella regulation amended regarding carcass cutting and methods of analysis

[Public Gazette L 218 of 23 August 2022, p. 7](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1418 of 22 August 2022 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1375 as regards Trichinella control in relation to carcass cutting and alternative analytical methods.

Bird flu EU countries update

[EU Official Journal L 223 of 29 August 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1433 of 26 August 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 concerning certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Bird flu Netherlands update

[Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 1 September 2022 \(pdf\)](#)

Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 1 September 2022, no WJZ/22448115, concerning specific measures in the protection and surveillance zone in connection with the control of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Bunschoten-Spakenburg (Regulation on measures for the protection and surveillance zone for highly pathogenic avian influenza Bunschoten-Spakenburg 2022.) Regulation of the Minister for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of 2 September 2022, no WJZ/22453124, on specific measures in the protection and surveillance zone in connection with the control of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Hebelermeer.

Agneau de lait des Pyrénées changed to Agneau des Pyrénées in product specification

[Public Gazette EU L 232 of 7 September 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1473 of 31 August 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 ('Agneau de lait des Pyrénées' (PGI)).

Avian flu EU update

[EU Official Journal L 233 of 8 September 2022, p. 52](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1483 of 6 September 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Bird flu in Germany, Spain, France and the Netherlands update

[EU Official Journal L 244 of 21 September 2022, p. 19](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1627 of 19 September 2022 amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 regarding certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

New bird flu outbreaks in the EU update

[EU Official Journal L 257 of 5 October 2022, p. 13](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/1853 of 30 September 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Aito saunapalvikinkku/Äkta basturökt skinka (smoked Finnish ham) entered in the PGI register

Surveillance zones in EU countries to be changed

[EU Official Journal L 281 of 31 October 2022, p. 73](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2098 of 25 October 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Bird flu in Belgium, Germany, France, Italy and the Netherlands update

[EU Official Journal L 286 of 8 November 2022, p. 9](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2176 of 31 October 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

New outbreaks update EU

[EU Official Journal L 301 of 22 November 2022, p. 125](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2284 of 14 November 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Avian flu outbreaks update EU

[EU Official Journal L 307 of 28 November 2022, p. 164](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2322 of 21 November 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Bird flu outbreaks in Ireland, France, Italy, Hungary and the Netherlands

[Public Gazette L 318 of 12 December 2022, p. 9](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2420 of 1 December 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

Fraud

Smuggled frozen beef ribs in Argentina

1.5 tons of smuggled frozen ribs were seized by the authorities.

[El diario de la Pampa](#)

Grey market in Italy

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](#)

Contraband meat in Paraguay

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

[Misiones online](#)

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

[Paraguay](#)

Grey market in Thailand

25 tons of illegal meat and beef were seized by the authorities from a clandestine processing facility.

[Chiangrai Times](#)

1.1 tons of contraband frozen pork (total value of 3 850 Euros) were seized by the authorities.

[Thai PBS world](#)

Grey market in the Philippines

The authorities confiscated illegally imported expired frozen meat, 1.45 tons of beef, and 3.1 tons of pork, with a total value of 17 000 Euros.

[Manila Bulletin](#)

Contraband frozen meat in Hong Kong

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

[Mfame](#)

Horse meat scandal in Spain

The Ucatan Operation resulted in the seizure of 500 kg of horse meat, the release of 80 horses, the investigation of six businesses, and the dismantling of a criminal organization that had been forging registration documents and selling horse meat that was unfit for human consumption. Spain, Italy, Belgium, and Germany have all purchased it as beef.

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Grey market in Pakistan

The authorities seized 2 tons of meat ready to be illegally supplied to city markets and restaurants.

[Dawn](#)

Unlabelled pork Brazil

The sanitary authorities of Brazil discovered 5 tons of "anonymous" pork meat in the southern part of the country. Aside from being unfit for consumption, the meat lacked any labeling. An administrative proceeding was filed against the company.

[G1 Globo](#)

Meat adulteration Sicily

A large criminal network involving 50 people was dismantled in Sicily. Stolen animals were introduced illegally into the food chain with fake documentation and illegal slaughtering. Apart from the unknown origin of the meat, veterinarians point out that the meat could be potentially dangerous for consumption as no veterinary control was performed.

[TG24](#)

Contraband beef in Paraguay

The authorities seized 2.5 tons of contraband beef from Argentina (a total value of almost 25.000 euros).

[Megacadena](#)

[Ultima Hora](#)

[Monumental](#)

Grey market in Italy

The authorities seized, in total, 6.7 tons of cheese and 2.3 tons of meat products (beef or pork) without traceability documentation. In some cases, the analyses revealed contamination with Listeria.

[Salute.gov](#)

[La Sicilia](#)

[Giornale L'ora](#)

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Grey market in France

The authorities seized 2.1 tons of frozen Spanish pork ready to be smuggled to Switzerland.

[ArcInfo](#)

Irregularities labeling seasonal products Italy

The control operation "Sapori d'autunno" ("Autumn flavors") took place in the region of Bologna to control the seasonal products like mushrooms, truffles, spices, and game meat ... Several irregularities in labeling were discovered and the concerned products were seized for a total amount of 300 000 EUR.

[Repubblica \(Bologna\)](#)

[Carabinieri](#)

Canadian mislabeled chicken as organic

An Ontario poultry producer who supplied meat to some of Canada's largest groceries has been charged with mislabeling conventional chicken as "certified organic." The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is pressing charges as "part of the ongoing investigation into the alleged misrepresentation of organic poultry products." The agency declined to provide further details, citing the ongoing court process.

[The Globe and Mail](#)

Chicken grey market in Thailand

The authorities seized 100 tons of frozen pork and 35 tons of frozen chicken legs smuggled from Italy, Spain, or Brazil (total value of 588 500 Euros).

[Thai PBS](#)

Forged documents in Malaysia

The authorities seized 28 tons of frozen buffalo meat with misleading information on the halal and health certificates.

[Bernama](#)

Illegal and improper meat transport in Argentina

The authorities seized 3.6 tons of bovine ribs transported illegally without documentation and with no refrigeration (total value of 26 500 Euros).

[Rio negro](#)

Illegal meat seized in Cambodia

The Monduliri's Mobile Law Enforcement Unit seized 1.353 tons of illegally traded wild meat (bushmeat) in the last 18 months.

[Khmer Times](#)

[Cgtn](#)

[English news CN](#)

[The Cambodia News](#)

[Bangkok post](#)

[Manila Times](#)

[The Phnom Penh Post](#)

Illegal dog meat in Cambodia

700 kg of illegal dog meat were seized by the authorities.

[Khmer Times Kh](#)

Illegal beef in India

Nearly 80 tons of beef, which has been forbidden for consumption since 2015, were seized by the authorities.

[Mid-day](#)

Contraband meat products in The Philippines

Nearly 1.2 tons of meat products were intercepted by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) staff between January and July 2022 as they were being transported illegally through the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

[Philstar](#)

[Manila Standard](#)

Contraband meat in Malaysia

27.86 tons of illegal meat, worth a total of 156 000 euros, were seized by the Royal Malaysian Customs Department.

[The Sun Daily](#)

Antibiotics found in beef meat in the USA

Researchers tested for antibiotics in urine from beef cattle whose meat was supposed to be labeled as raised without antibiotics (RWA). By using rapid immunoassay to detect 17 antibiotics on 699 animals, the authors found that 15% of analyzed cattle actually tested positive for at least one antibiotic.

[Science](#)

[Farm Forward](#)

[Affidia Journal](#)

Cow slaughtering controversial

2.5 tons of beef were seized by the authorities. In India, cow slaughter is controversial and is prohibited in many states.

[Latestly](#)

[Outlook India](#)

[Mid-day](#)

[Ndtv](#)

[Times of India](#)

Contraband pork from Vietnam found in Laos

The authorities destroyed 9.7 tons of contraband pork from Vietnam.

[Laotian Times](#)

Bovines grey market

Authorities seized 1 067 cattle from a property (total value: 1 million euros). 20% of the animals lacked the requisite ear tag entirely or partially.

[Gazzeta di Parma](#)

[Regio Online](#)

Meat smuggled to China

In the first half of 2022, the authorities seized 224 tons of meat smuggled to mainland China (total value of 4.35 million Euros).

[Scmp](#)

Chicken and pigs fed with anti-retroviral

Researchers have found that 8% percent of chickens and pigs are fed anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs) to accelerate their growth. The drugs are used for the treatment of HIV/Aids but may endanger consumer health by promoting obesity and increasing drug resistance in HIV-positive persons.

[Monitor](#)

Illegal horse and donkey meat sold in Belgium

The authorities dismantled a criminal organization faking horse and donkey certificates (e.g. passports, electronic chips) to divert and sell them as horse meat into the food chain. Horses and donkeys were originally not supposed to be farmed for human consumption (e.g. for horse racing).

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[Vrt](#)

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Illegally slaughtered meat seized in India

The authorities seized 1.2 tons of meat illegally slaughtered.

[Times of India](#)

Separator meat illegally used in poultry sausages

Meat companies were accused of mixing mechanically separated meat into their poultry sausages without declaring it alongside the name of the product (as legally required), thus deceiving consumers. Laboratory analyses supported the suspicion.

[Spiegel](#)

[Rtl](#)

Contraband beef seized in India

The authorities seized 1.5 tons of contraband beef.

[Times of India](#)

Contraband meat seized in Moldova

The authorities seized 140 tons of contraband meat (a total value of 1.5 million Euros).

[Publika](#)

[Ziarul national](#)

Meat seized without traceability documentation in Italy

The authorities seized 12 tons of fresh and frozen meat without traceability documentation (total value of around 90 000 Euros).

[Repubblica](#)

[Modena Today](#)

[Gazzetta di Parma](#)

[Parma Today](#)

Untraceable salami

The authorities seized 2.85 tons of salami without traceability documentation (total value of 22 000 Euros).

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Untraceable pork products

The authorities seized 7 tons of pork products with no labels or documentation (total value of 59 000 Euros).

[Ansa](#)

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Untraceable lamb and meat products seized in Portugal

The Food and Economic Security Authority (ASAE) seized 3.1 tons of meat products lacking traceability documentation, expired, or unfit for consumption. In another operation, 72.5 tons of lamb meat, documentation, and equipment were seized from an illegal slaughterhouse. In mid-April, ASAE seized 17 000 eggs without traceability documentation.

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Animal products seized in Austria

In 2021, the customs at the Vienna airport seized in total almost 4 tons of contraband animal products: milk and milk products (2 tons), meat and meat products (1.8 tons), fish, honey and other animal-based food, as well as 3 400 liters of illegally imported alcohol.

[Noen](#)

[Bvz](#)

[Orf](#)

Meat products of unknown origin destroyed in Egypt

The authorities destroyed 2 tons of meat products unsuitable for human consumption and of unknown origin.

[Teller Report](#)

Fake buffalo meat products from India

The authorities seized 1 ton of buffalo hock tendon, 3 tons of buffalo tail, 6 tons of buffalo heart, and 17 tons of buffalo lungs. The buffalo products, imported from India, had lack or inaccurate information.

[The Star](#)

[Bernama](#)

Sheeps rescued from illegal slaughtering

The authorities rescued 150 sheep ready to be illegally slaughtered.

[Il giornale nuovo](#)

5.1 tons of cattle seized without traceability

The authorities seized 5.1 tons of offal and heads of cattle without traceability documentation and unfit for human consumption. Additional 1.5 tons of meat either unfit for human consumption or slaughtered clandestinely were seized as well.

[Le quotidien](#)

Frozen meat seized in Hong Kong

The authorities seized 48 tons of contraband frozen meat, for a total value of 1.1 million euros.

[Scmp](#)

Chickens illegally farmed

The authorities seized 1 670 chickens illegally farmed (total value of 150 000 Euros) and 16 720 chicken eggs (total value of 3 000 Euros) with no traceability documentation.

[Antenna Sud](#)

[La gazzetta del Mezzogiorno](#)

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In Colombia cattle and perishable food were seized

The Tax and Customs Police Directorate (POLFA) and the Police Directorate seized 3 100 live Colombia cattle (total value of 924 000 Euros) and 309 tons of contraband perishable food.

[El Nuevo Siglo](#)

30% of meat products in the UK were adulterated

The Cumbria County Council's Trading Standards Department analyzed the adulteration rate of meat products across the country. Out of 40 samples, 12 (30%) were reported as adulterated. Lamb meat was frequently substituted with beef or chicken, but also pork.

[Cumbria.gov.uk](#)

Meat smuggled from China into the USA

According to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), from October to December 2021 the authorities seized 119 tons of smuggled pork, chicken, beef and duck products from China (with an increase of 33% compared to the previous year).

[Daily News](#)

[Daily Breeze](#)

[The Poch Times](#)

Pork products without indication of the country of origin seized in Italy

In the operation "Barbecue 4", the Italian authorities seized 10 tons of pork products (total value of 135 000 Euros) with labels lacking the mandatory indication of the country of origin. In addition, almost 600 kg of salami (total value of 45 000 Euros) bearing fake Geographical Indications were seized as well.

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Meat smuggled by speedboat in China

The authorities seized 10 tons of meat smuggled with a speedboat.

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Foie gras was investigated in France

The Directorate-General for Competition, Consumer Affairs and Fraud Control (DGCCRF) has investigated the authenticity of foie gras. Numerous non-conformities were noted by the DGCCRF investigators in 460/o of the establishments checked. The non-compliance rate was 280/o for foie gras blocks and 75% for foie gras products. Recurrent non-compliances included inter alia:

- Mislabelling of the country of origin
- Presence of unauthorized additives
- Presence of excessive moisture, added water, and/or fat content
- Incomplete labels
- Lack of traceability documentation
- Misuse of Geographical Indications

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Beef without documentation from Paraguay

The authorities seized 10.4 tons of contraband beef with no documentation.

[Paraguay.com](#)

Illegally imported products from Korea

Singapore Food Agency (SFA) seized around 4.6 tons of meat and seafood products (e.g. meat dumplings, frozen beef, and processed squid) in an unlicensed cold store. Meat products were illegally imported from Korea.

[Sfa.gov](#)

Horse meat suffering from cancer sold in Spain

The authorities discovered a criminal organization selling meat from horses suffering cancer at 1.5 Euros/kg, obviously not fit for human consumption. The meat without malignant melanoma (only 20% of total weight) ended up in processed products. Official documents were falsified as well.

[ABC de Sevilla](#)

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[El Confidencial](#)

[Europa press](#)

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Airport has confiscated 50 kg of bushmeat in a short time

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport authorities declared that, since the end of December, almost 50 kg of bushmeat (e.g. bats and monkeys) have been seized from passengers returning from Africa. Such trade may lead to disease outbreaks.

[StarTribune](#)

[La crosse tribune](#)

[SFgate](#)

[TwinCities](#)

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Illegal products smuggled from China

From October 2021 to December 2021, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's (APHIS) The smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance (SITC) program seized almost 1 ton of meat products (pork, poultry, and ruminant) illegally sourced from China without any health certificate.

[USDA](#)

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Illegally imported pork from China

The Financial Guard seized 10 tons of pork illegally imported from China, with the risk of introducing products contaminated with African Swine Fever (ASF).

[Leggo](#)

Smuggled frozen meat seized in Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Customs seized 35 tonnes of suspected smuggled frozen meat, for a total value estimated at around 590 000 Euros.

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In a second operation, the authorities seized 60 tons of suspected smuggled frozen meat, for a total value of 1.35 million Euros.

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Chicken fraud in the Netherlands

The Intelligence and Investigation Service of the Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA-IOD) suspects a company to falsify official veterinary certificates in order to export chicken meat disguised as other products (as fish). As a consequence of such fraud, the recipient may have to pay up to 70% less import duties in the country of destination.

[NVWA](#)

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In Spain, illegal meat was seized

The Guardia Civil raided an illegal (unregistered) meat processing plant and seized 1 790 pieces of ham and shoulders, 760 kilograms of sausages, and 4.5 tons of frozen meat. The meat was processed with no sanitary control in place, labels were incorrect, and expiration dates and traceability documents were manipulated.

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