

Monthly Summary of Articles on Food Fraud and Adulteration

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Food Fraud Cases

The Pakistan authorities seized 750 kg of fake tea leaves produced by mixing used tea leaves, soda and non-food grade colours. Hygiene conditions were not respected as well.

[The News](#)

In another operation, 1 ton of substandard tea leaves were confiscated because prepared with non-food grade colours.

[The News](#)

According to the Ukraine State Service of Food Safety and Consumer Protection, in January-March 2021 milk and dairy (especially butter) were the products most subject to food fraud, usually with the presence of non-dairy fats. Mislabelling was the second most common fraud.

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A recent WWF Report highlights that 30% of sturgeons in the lower Danube Region are offered for sale illegally.

[WWF](#)

More than 25 people have died, and other 80 have been affected, after drinking alcoholic beverages illegally produced with methanol and refilled into empty bottles of famous brands.

[Food Safety Tech](#)

[Food Safety News](#)

-  Pakistan
-  Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea
-  Unapproved treatment and/or process
-  Ukraine
-  Milk and milk products
-  Mislabelling
Unapproved treatment and/or process
-  Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine
-  Fish and fish products
-  Documents
-  Dominican Republic
-  Alcoholic beverages
-  IPR – Intellectual property rights
Replacement/ dilution/ addition/ removal
Unapproved treatment and/or process

The Pakistan authorities seized 800 kg of spices adulterated with bran and other unhealthy ingredients.

[Urdu Point](#)



Pakistan



Herbs and spices



Replacement/ dilution/ addition/ removal
Unapproved treatment and/or process

The Italian authorities seized 4 477 tons of tomato sauce (total value of 3 million euros) mislabelled as “Made in Italy”, but in reality produced with tomatoes from non-EU countries.

[Great Italian Food Trade](#)

[Askanews](#)

[AgenParl](#)

[MyFruit](#)

[RaiNews](#)

[Il Fatto Alimentare](#)

[Corriere Fiorentino](#)

[Il Denaro](#)

[Toscana-Notizie](#)

[Help Consumatori](#)

[Ansa](#)

[Agrifood Today](#)

[Fanpage](#)

[Today](#)

[CIA Toscana](#)



Italy



Soups, broths, sauces and condiments



Mislabelling

The Italian authorities seized a variety of products illegally sold by the same farm:

- 200 kg of fruits and vegetables mislabelled as “own production”
- 4 750 litres of common wine mislabelled as “Merlot” or “Cabernet”, or counterfeited as the Geographical Indications “Vermentino” and “Ansonica”
- 11 000 litres of wine lacking any documentation (as e.g. traceability or origin)

[Il Giunco](#)

[La Nazione](#)

[Il Tirreno](#)



Italy



Fruits and vegetables
Wine



Documents
IPR – Intellectual property rights
Mislabelling

Other interesting articles

A review about olive oil fraud

A scientific journal has published a review providing an overview of the frauds in the olive oil sector and future solutions to tackle the phenomenon.

[Food Control](#)

[Olive Oil Times](#)



World



Fats and oils

2020 report of official controls in Italy

The Italian Ministry has published the 2020 report, summarising the efforts undertaken against food frauds. 70 thousands controls all over the Italian territory led to the seizure of 22 million kg of products (for a total value of 21 million euros).

[Ministry website](#)

[2020 Report \(in Italian, English, Chinese\)](#)

[ANSA](#)

[Fruit Journal](#)

[Italia Fruit News](#)

[Wine News](#)



Italy



Food

IUU seafood worth 2 billion euros imported in USA in 2019

According to the International Trade Commission of the United States, seafood caught via illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing with an estimated commercial value of 2 billion euros was imported in USA in 2019 from e.g. China, Russia, Mexico, Indonesia and Vietnam.

[USA report](#)

[Seafood Source](#)



USA



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

Food fraud mentioned in Europol Report

Europol published the EU Serious Organised Crime (SOCTA) 2021 Report, analysing also the



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infiltration of criminal activities within the food sector.

[Europol](#)

An overview of global food frauds



World/ UK

An online review highlights and assesses food fraud and authenticity throughout the food supply chain, with a special focus on UK and the Covid-19 pandemic.



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