

# September 2025 Report On EU AGRI-FOOD FRAUD SUSPICIONS



The purpose of the Monthly report on EU Agri-Food Fraud suspicions is twofold:

1. Assist Member States' authorities for the enforcement of the provisions of Article 9(2) of the Official Control Regulation which requires the organisation of risk-based controls to identify and combat fraudulent and deceptive practices along the agri-food chain (across some control areas listed in its Article 1(2)).
2. Provide valuable but selected information to stakeholders of the agri-food sector to perform adequate vulnerability assessments and identify new emerging risks.

*Disclaimer: The monthly report includes 'non-compliances with fraud suspicions' of cross-border nature identified and shared between members of the Alert and Cooperation Network (ACN).*

*The monthly report covers food, feedingstuff, materials and articles intended to come into contact directly or indirectly with food, animal welfare issues for farmed animals, plant protection products, veterinary medicinal products and other inputs that may end in the form of residues and contaminants in food and feed.*

*The monthly report does not reconcile data and suspicions related to the following subjects:*

- *animal and plant health,*
- *release into the environment of Genetically Modified Organisms,*
- *animal welfare for companion animals,*
- *placing on the market and use of plant protection products, veterinary medicinal products and other inputs that are not ending as residues and contaminants in food and feed, and*
- *animal by-products and derived products when they not intended to be used for oral feeding to animals.*

*Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715 of 30 September 2019 laying down rules for the functioning of the information management system for official controls and its system components ([the IMSOC Regulation](#)) defines a fraud notification as a "non-compliance concerning any suspected intentional action by businesses or individuals, for the purpose of deceiving purchasers and gaining undue advantage therefrom, in violation of the rules referred to in Article 1(2) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625".*

***The report includes "non-compliances with fraud suspicions". Those non-compliances' are not confirmed frauds but contribute alerting and triggering investigations by Member States competent authorities.***

THIS MONTH 164 SUSPICIONS WERE RETRIEVED FROM 695 IRASFF NOTIFICATIONS.
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Figure 1: Suspicions per product category

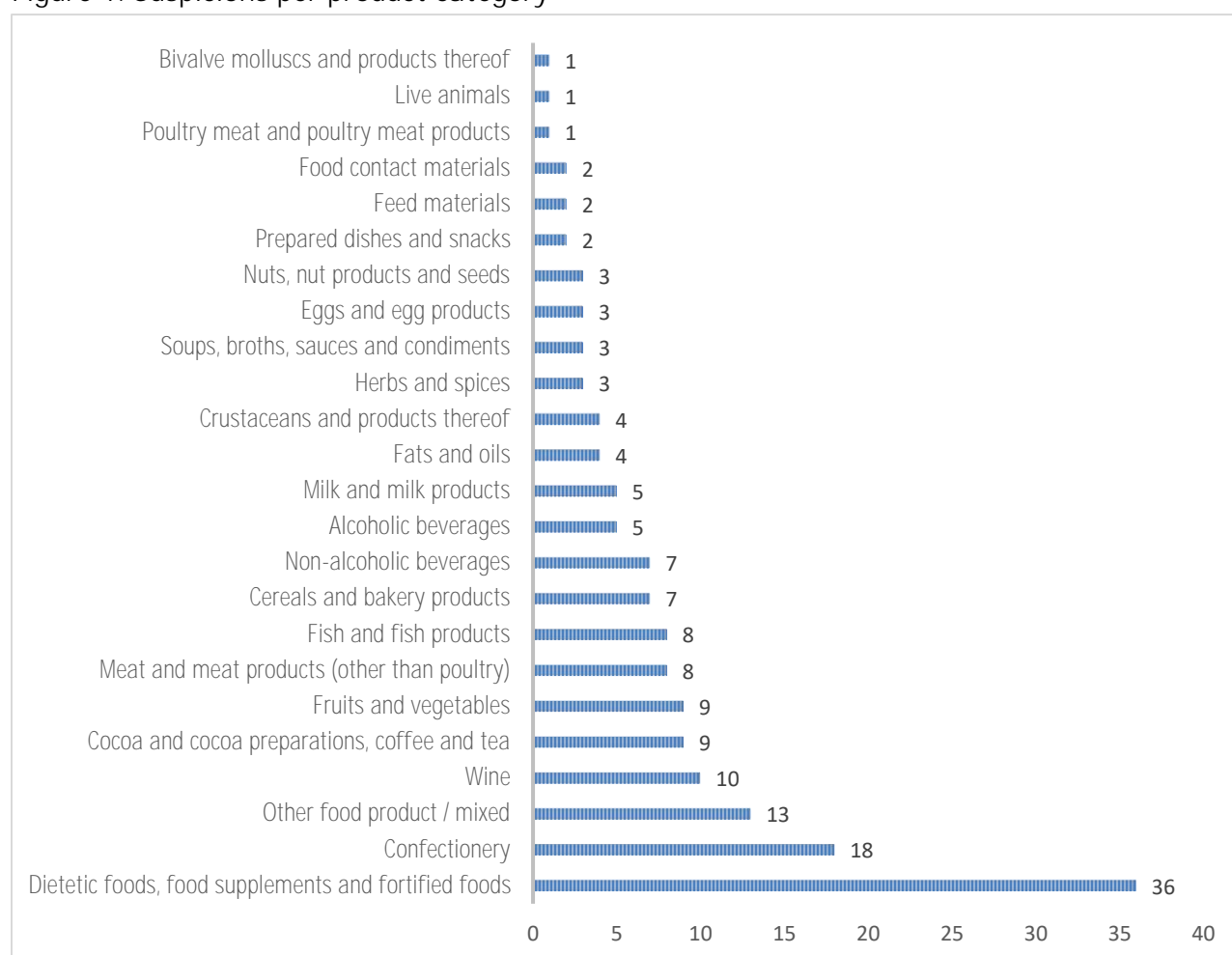


Figure 2: Suspicions per fraud category

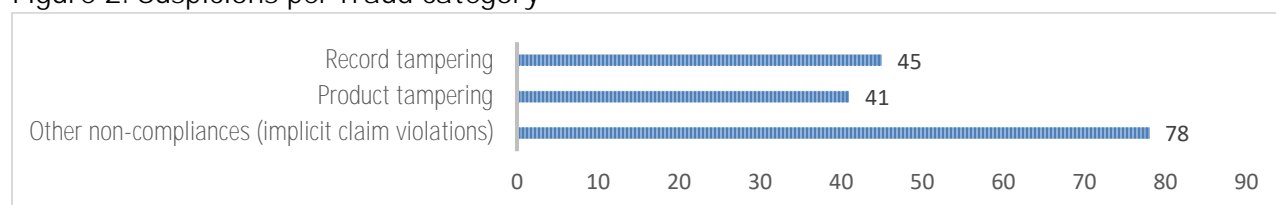
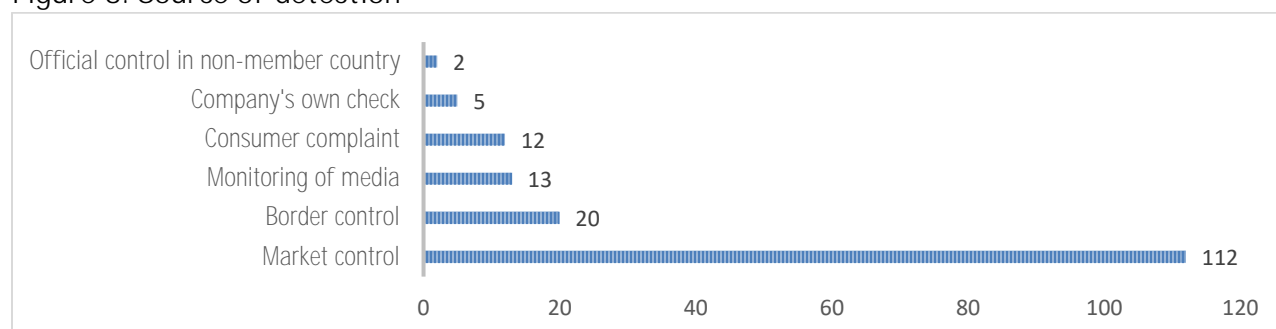


Figure 3: Source of detection



## 1. PRODUCT TAMPERING

CLASSIFICATION	PRODUCT CATEGORY	COMMODITY	ISSUE	ORIGIN	NOTIFIED BY
Additives not compliant with EU MLs <sup>i</sup>	Bivalve molluscs and products thereof	(canned) razor clams	calcium disodium ethylene diamine tetra acetate (CDEDTA) (E 385) (122; 124 mg/kg)*	Chile	Spain
	Confectionery	sweets	brilliant blue FCF (E 133) (10.1 mg/kg), tartrazine (E 102) (287.9 mg/kg), allura red AC (E 129) (106.9 mg/kg)*	China	Poland
	Crustaceans and products thereof	shrimps (Pasiphaea sivado)	sulphur dioxide (E 220) (555 mg/kg)*	Italy	Spain
	Fish and fish products	tuna burger (Thunnus albacares)	ascorbic acid (E300) (594 mg/kg)	Spain	Slovenia
Adulteration (ingredient dilution)	Fats and oils	extra virgin olive oil	other vegetable oil	Lebanon	Germany
		olive oil	other vegetable oils	Italy	Germany
	Soups, broths, sauces and condiments	sauce	higher content of fat than declared (65.63 g/100g instead of 40 g/100 g), sorbic acid (E 200) (1430 ± 172 mg/kg)	Austria	Germany
Adulteration (ingredient substitution)	Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	(Dubai) chocolates	peanuts (undeclared) (14814 mg/kg with label indicating "may contain peanuts")	Poland	Czechia
	Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	food supplements	lower content of folic acid than declared (<340 µg/100 g instead of 2250 µg/100 g)	Germany	Austria
		food supplements	lower content of Monacolin K than declared (1.59 mg/daily dose instead of 2.99 mg/ daily dose)	Lithuania	Latvia
		food supplements	lower content of vitamins than declared: B1 (0.128 mg instead of 100 mg/dose), B2 (0.0603 mg instead of 50 mg/dose), B6 (0.0243 mg instead of 70 mg/dose), folic acid (<LOQ instead of 0,0486 mg/dose), niacin (0.0608 mg instead of 50 mg/dose)	UK	Slovenia
	Fish and fish products	(frozen) Atlantic cod fillets (Gadus morhua)	water content (water/protein ratio = 5.8)	Poland	Romania
		(frozen) pangasius fillets (Pangasius hypophthalmus)	water addition (W/PR: 9.4)	Vietnam	Romania
	Milk and milk products	whipped cream	lower content of fat than declared (27.55 g/100 g instead of 30 g/100 g)	Germany	Poland
	Soups, broths, sauces and condiments	truffle sauce	absence of truffle, misleading picturing and denomination	Slovakia	Austria
Unapproved process (concealment, enhancement)	Cereals and bakery products	biscuits	natamycin (E 235)*	Ukraine	Latvia
		cereals	brilliant blue FCF (E 133) (12 mg/kg), sunset yellow FCF (E 110) (90 mg/kg), tartrazine (E 102) (7 mg/kg), allura red AC (E 129) (77 mg/kg)*	Canada	Poland
	Confectionery	sweets	titanium dioxide (E 171) (2.8 mg/kg)*	Colombia	Spain
		sweets	sodium benzoate (E 221)	Thailand	Germany
		sweets	titanium dioxide (E 171), carrageenan (E 407), xanthan gum (E 415), konjac (E 425)*	Vietnam	Germany
		sweets	amaranth (E 123)*	Hong Kong	Sweden

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Unapproved process (concealment, enhancement)	Confectionery	sweets	titanium dioxide (E 171)*	Vietnam	Sweden
		sweets	carrageenan (E 407)*	Netherlands	Austria
	Fats and oils	vegetable oil spray	carnauba wax (E 903)*	Türkiye	Greece
	Feed materials	fishmeal (feed)	ethoxyquin (E 324)*	Chile	Germany
	Fish and fish products	(frozen) tuna (Thunnus albacares)	indications of reddening and of water addition (W/P: 3.79), salt content (1.36 g/100 g)	Vietnam	Germany
	Meat and meat products (other than poultry)	beef skewers	glutamic acid (5844 mg/kg)	Poland	Germany
	Non-alcoholic beverages	coconut water	sugar addition (sucrose)	Poland	Germany
	Nuts, nut products and seeds	coated almonds	titanium dioxide (E 171)*	Syria	Germany
	Other food product / mixed	syrup	sweeteners (acesulfame potassium (E 950), sucralose (E 955)), titanium dioxide (E 171)	Taiwan	Sweden
		syrup	titanium dioxide (E 171)*	Taiwan	Sweden
		waxberries	titanium dioxide (E 171)*	China	Finland
	Prepared dishes and snacks	crackers	titanium dioxide (E 171)*	Pakistan	Ireland
	Wine	wine	y-decalatone (1.1 µg/l), y-nonacatone (2.5 µg/l) (flavourings)	Portugal	Germany
		wine	benzalkonium chloride (BAC) (0.35 mg/kg)*	South Africa	Ireland
Undeclared process (concealment, enhancement)	Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	(Dubai) chocolates	tartrazine (E 102)*	Türkiye	Germany
	Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	food supplements	potassium sorbate (E 202)*	Belgium	Belgium
	Non-alcoholic beverages	carbonated soft drinks	sorbic acid (E200) (153 mg/l)	Estonia	Poland
	Other food product / mixed	palm sugar	sulphites (E 220 - 228) (151 mg/kg)*	Thailand	Netherlands
		palm sugar	sulphur dioxide (E 220) (129 mg/kg)*	Thailand	Slovenia
	Soups, broths, sauces and condiments	sauces	sorbic acid (E 200), benzoic acid (E 210)	Belgium	Germany

## 2. RECORD TAMPERING

CLASSIFICATION	PRODUCT CATEGORY	COMMODITY	ISSUE	ORIGIN	NOTIFIED BY
Dietary claims	Meat and meat products (other than poultry)	"low fat" sausages	higher content of fat than declared (23.95 g /100 g instead of 15.7 g /100 g)	Germany	Austria
EU protected designation	Alcoholic beverages	spirit drinks	misleading denomination "Polish vodka" (e-marketed)	Austria	Poland
		spirit drinks	misleading denomination "Polish vodka" (e-marketed)	Austria	Poland
		spirit drinks	misleading denomination "Polish vodka" (e-marketed)	Austria	Poland
		spirit drinks	<b>misleading denomination "Grappa"</b>	unknown	Italy
	Fats and oils	(Kalamata) extra virgin olive oil	misleading designation "Kalamata"	Greece	Germany



CLASSIFICATION	PRODUCT CATEGORY	COMMODITY	ISSUE	ORIGIN	NOTIFIED BY
EU protected designation	Milk and milk products	cheese	misleading denomination "Feta", milk species substitution (55.4% goat instead of max 30%)	Greece	Germany
	Wine	alcohol-free wine	misleading denomination "Prosecco"	Austria	Italy
		alcohol-free wine	misleading denomination "Prosecco"	Germany	Italy
		wine	misleading denomination "Piedmont", health and self-evident claims (e-marketed)	Ireland	Germany
		wine	misleading denomination "Hrvatsko Podunavlje"	Croatia	Croatia
		wine	misleading denomination "Prosecco"	Austria	Italy
		wine	misleading denomination 'Prosecco'	Austria	Italy
		wine	misleading denomination "Toscana"	Italy	Italy
Intellectual Property Rights	Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	chocolates	counterfeiting	UK	Ireland
Nutrition and health claims	Cereals and bakery products	(organic) rice	health claims	Thailand	Austria
	Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	"chocolate protein" cream	nutritional claim "protein source" (protein <12%), misleading presentation / name of the product (cocoa <8%)	Germany	Austria
	Confectionery	liquorice	health claims	Netherlands	Germany
	Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	food supplements	health claims	Czechia	Slovakia
		food supplements	health claims	Italy	Germany
		food supplements	health claims*	Slovenia	Croatia
		food supplements	health claims (e-marketed)	Slovakia	Austria
		food supplements	health claims (e-marketed)	Slovakia	Austria
		food supplements	misleading designation "food for special medical purposes"	Slovakia	Austria
		food supplements	misleading designation "food for special medical purposes", health claims	Slovakia	Austria
		food supplements	health claims (e-marketed)	Germany	Austria
		food supplements	health claims*	Slovenia	Croatia
	Fruits and vegetables	shiitake mushrooms	health claims	China	Germany
	Nuts, nut products and seeds	sunflower seeds	health claims	Bulgaria	Czechia
Product related dates, records and information	Alcoholic beverages	spirit drinks	misleading denomination "vodka" (29.5% alcohol instead of at least 37.5%)	Vietnam	Germany
	Confectionery	biscuits	misleading picturing	Romania	Germany
		sweets	higher sugar content than declared (91.6 g/100 g instead of 78.6 g/100 g)	Netherlands	Germany
	Eggs and egg products	eggs	traceability defects (absence of identification marks on eggs)	Ukraine	Germany
	Fruits and vegetables	fermented green plum	absence of mulberry leaf powder (labelled)	Taiwan	Austria
	Non-alcoholic beverages	beetroot juice from concentrate	misleading denomination "100% beetroot juice"	Poland	Germany
		orange juice from concentrate	misleading denomination "100% orange juice"	Poland	Czechia
		peach-flavoured soft drinks	misleading picturing	Thailand	Germany
	Other food product / mixed	vanilla syrup	misleading picturing	Austria	Germany

CLASSIFICATION	PRODUCT CATEGORY	COMMODITY	ISSUE	ORIGIN	NOTIFIED BY
Product related dates, records and information	Prepared dishes and snacks	ready to eat meal	higher fat content than declared (6.1 g/ 100 g instead of 3 g/ 100 g)	Slovenia	Germany
	Wine	wine	non-compliant alcohol reduction claim	Portugal	Germany
Quantity (net, gross, weight, volume)	Crustaceans and products thereof	(frozen) shrimps	net weight lower than declared (123.4 - 132.6 g instead of 162.5 g)	Croatia	Slovenia
Others (record tampering)	Fish and fish products	salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> )	traceability defects (forgery of labels)	unknown	Spain
		trout slices ( <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> )	traceability defects (forgery of invoice)*	Lithuania, via Latvia	Estonia
	Fruits and vegetables	fruits and vegetables	traceability defects (forgery of invoices)	unknown	Hungary
	Other food product / mixed	various products	traceability defects (forgery of invoices)	Latvia	Estonia

### 3. OTHER NON-COMPLIANCES (implicit claim violations)

CLASSIFICATION	PRODUCT CATEGORY	COMMODITY	ISSUE	ORIGIN	NOTIFIED BY
FCMs additives not authorised in the EU	Food contact materials	kitchenware	rice husks*	India	Greece
Food, ingredient not authorised in the EU	Cereals and bakery products	rice cakes	GMO (P 35-S)*	China	Spain
	Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	herbal tea	Senna alexandrina*	Poland	Poland
		tea	cannabidiol (CBD)*	Netherlands	Finland
		tea	mulberry leaves*	Thailand	Germany
	Confectionery	chewing gums	cannabidiol (CBD)*	Czechia	Finland
		chewing gums, lollipops	cannabidiol (CBD) (51; 60 mg/day) (e-marketed)*	Netherlands	France
		sweets	cannabidiol (CBD) (0.78%)*	Switzerland	Finland
		sweets	muscimol (5 mg/item)*	Czechia	Germany
		sweets	kratom ( <i>Mitragyna speciosa</i> )*	Czechia	Germany
		sweets	tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) (delta-9-THC: 2111 mg/kg)*	Czechia	Germany
		sweets	tetrahydrocannabinophorol (THCP)*	Netherlands	Germany
		sweets	muscimol (9.8 mg/item)*	Ukraine	Germany
	Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	CBD oil	cannabidiol (CBD) (307725 mg/kg)*	Czechia	Germany
		CBD oil	tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) (733 mg/kg), cannabidiol (CBD) (105743 mg/kg)*	France	Germany
		food supplements	Dendrobium nobile, 2-dimethylaminoethanol (DMAE) (e-marketed)*	Netherlands	Spain
		food supplements	hibiscus powder ( <i>Hibiscus rosa sinensis</i> )*	Pakistan	Estonia
		food supplements	sildenafil (8.7 mg/kg)*	Austria	Netherlands
		food supplements	Trametes versicolor, Cordyceps militaris (e-marketed)*	Hungary	Hungary
		food supplements	tadalafil, sildenafil	Netherlands	Belgium
		food supplements	wig tree extract, quercetin, e-marketed*	Austria	Germany
		food supplements	1-trimethylsilyl-propoxy-lysergic acid diethylamide hemi D-tartrate (1S-LSD)*	Netherlands	Germany
		food supplements	Amanita muscaria*	Poland	Germany

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Food, ingredient not authorised in the EU	Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	food supplements	Body Protective Compound -157 (syntetic peptides)*	China	Austria
		food supplements	cannabidiol (CBD) (214651 mg/kg)*	Czechia	Germany
		food supplements	cannabidiol (CBD)*	Netherlands	Sweden
		food supplements	Ganoderma lucidum, Cordyceps*	China	Lithuania
		food supplements	pancreatin, Mucuna pruriens*	USA, Spain	Poland
		food supplements	Sceletium tortuosum extract*	South Africa	Germany
		food supplements	yohimbine*	Germany	Bulgaria
		food supplements	ostarine (e-marketed)*	UK	Poland
		food supplements	yohimbine (yohimbine HCl, alpha-yohimbine)*	UK	Poland
		food supplements	black walnut (Juglans nigra)*	USA	Poland
	Feed materials	poultry meal (feed)	ruminant DNA*	Belgium	Netherlands
	Fruits and vegetables	(dried) mushrooms	Cordyceps militaris*	Hong Kong	Spain
Residue of pesticide(s) not approved for use in the EU	Nuts, nut products and seeds	tonka beans	tonka beans*	Belgium	Belgium
	Other food product / mixed	mushroom coffee	Cordyceps, Reishi, Lion's mane and Shitake extracts (e-marketed)	Slovenia	Czechia
		various food products	sibutramine, sildenafil*	Türkiye	France
	Cereals and bakery products	wheat flour	chlorpyrifos (0.051 mg/kg)*	Slovenia	Slovenia
		(organic) celeries	dithiocarbamates (0.36 mg/kg)	Netherlands	Belgium
		nectarine	propargite (0.27 ± 0.14 mg/kg)	Greece	Romania
		peaches	propargite (0.061 mg/kg)	Greece	Poland
		redcurrants	ethephon (0.12mg/kg)	Belgium	Germany
		strawberries	tebuconazole (0.22 mg/kg)	Poland	Czechia
		coriander	linuron (0.017 mg/kg)	Spain	Germany
	Herbs and spices	mustard seeds	haloxyfop (0.11 mg/kg), quantity mismatch (delivery note vs internal reporting document)	Poland	Germany
Residues of veterinary medicines not compliant with EU MRLs <sup>ii</sup>	Crustaceans and products thereof	shrimps (Litopenaus vannamei)	nitrofurans (metabolite) furazolidone (AOZ) (0.69 µg/kg)*	India	Ireland
		shrimps (Litopenaus vannamei)	nitrofurans (metabolite) nitrofurazone (SEM) (0.53 µg/kg)*	India	Poland
	Eggs and egg products	eggs	nitrofurans (metabolite) furazolidone (AOZ) (2 µg/kg)*	Ukraine	Netherlands
	Fish and fish products	pangasius (Pangasius hypophthalmus)***	nitrofurans (metabolite) furazolidone (AOZ) (>CCAlpha and >RPA)*	Vietnam	Belgium
	Meat and meat products (other than poultry)	beef meat products	non-respect of the withdrawal period for medicines (tylmasin A)	Denmark	Denmark
	Milk and milk products	milk	triclabendazole (15.2 µg/kg)*	Ukraine	Hungary
Smuggling	Live animals	32 cattle	traceability defects (absence of identification mark, health certificates and passports), animal welfare infringements	Romania	Hungary
	Other food product / mixed	products of animal origin	attempt illegal import (concealed within plant-based products and misrepresented as non-animal origin goods)*	Sri Lanka	Italy



CLASSIFICATION	PRODUCT CATEGORY	COMMODITY	ISSUE	ORIGIN	NOTIFIED BY
Unauthorised origin (country, operators, establishments...)	Cereals and bakery products	biscuits (with milk ingredients)	attempt to illegal import*	China	Italy
		biscuits (with milk ingredients)	illegal import*	Jordan	Sweden
	Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	chocolates (with milk and egg ingredients)	illegal import*	Iran	Germany
	Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	food supplements	unregistered operator (e-marketed)	Estonia	Latvia
		food supplements	unregistered operators (e-marketed)	unknown	Latvia
	Herbs and spices	paprika	irradiation*	China	Romania
	Meat and meat products (other than poultry)	meat products	re-labelling and distribution by an operator not holding a valid authorisation	Spain	Spain
	Milk and milk products	dairy products	illegal import*	Iran, via the Netherlands	Germany
	Non-alcoholic beverages	instant tea (with milk ingredients)	attempt to illegal import*	China	Italy
		coconut drinks (with milk ingredients)	attempt to illegal import*	China	Italy
	Other food product / mixed	chips (with milk ingredients)	illegal import*	Kosovo	Sweden
Others (implicit claim violations)	Cocoa and cocoa preparations, coffee and tea	tea powder	skipped border controls*	China	Germany
	Dietetic foods, food supplements and fortified foods	food supplements	placing on the market without registration (e-marketed)	Germany	Poland
	Eggs and egg products	eggs	traceability defects (unknown registration number, absence of country code)	Netherlands	Germany
	Fish and fish products	fish	unsuitable packaging (household-level food packaging)	Germany	Latvia
	Food contact materials	kitchenware	skipped border controls*	China	European Commission for Northern Ireland
	Meat and meat products (other than poultry)	beef meat	sale after used by date*	Poland	Poland
		various (frozen) food products	transport temperature	Sweden	Sweden
		various meat products	traceability defects (absence of labelling)	Austria	Germany
		wild boar meat	traceability defects (unknown origin)	unknown	Latvia
	Milk and milk products	whey protein	skipped border controls*	USA	Belgium
	Other food product / mixed	products of animal and plant origin	attempt to skip border controls, absence of labelling*	Moldova	European Commission for Northern Ireland
		products of animal and plant origin	attempt to skip border controls, absence of labelling*	Moldova	European Commission for Northern Ireland
	Poultry meat and poultry meat products	poultry meat	transport temperature	Netherlands	Belgium

*\* RASFF notification (with hyperlink to RASFF Window).*

*\*\* Product originating from a country subject to a temporary increase of official border controls under Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 of 22 October 2019 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 277, 29.10.2019, p. 89).*

*\*\*\* Product originating from an establishment subject to measures of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1873 of 7 November 2019 on the procedures at border control posts for a coordinated performance by competent authorities of intensified official controls on products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and composite products (OJ L 289, 8.11.2019, p. 50).*

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<sup>i</sup> MLs: Maximum Limit(s)

<sup>ii</sup> MRLs: Maximum Residue Level(s)