

Fish and seafood

FACT SHEET

2023



Legislation

Product specification Fränkischer Karpfen/Frankenkarpfen/Karpfen aus Franken (German carp) approved

[EU Official Journal L 219 of 6 September 2023, p. 8](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1692 of 30 August 2023 approving a non-minor amendment to the specification of the protected geographical indication 'Fränkischer Karpfen/Frankenkarpfen/Karpfen aus Franken'.

Sevani ishkan (Armenian fish species) not registered in PDO register

[EU Official Journal L 190 of 28 July 2023, p. 10](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/1561 of 26 July 2023 rejecting an application for protection of a geographical indication under Article 52(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council 'ՍԵՒԱՆԻ ԻՇԿԱՆ/sevani ishkan' (PDO)

Request Netherlands to extend MRL for praziquantel in fish

[EU Official Journal L 134 of 22 May 2023, p. 36](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/981 of 17 May 2023 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 on the classification of the substance praziquantel as regards its maximum residue limit in foodstuffs of animal origin.

Fraud

Grey Seafood market in China

The authorities seized 1.1 tons of smuggled live lobsters and 400 kg of contraband chilled seafood (total value of 490.000 Euros).

[Info.gov](#)

[The Standard](#)

Mislabeling of Shrimps in Czech Republic

The authorities identified 3.6 tons of shrimp packages with wrong weight. Packages labelled as 800 grams of products in reality contained around 730 grams. Total percentage of meat was also falsified.

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Grey market in Russia

A man has been accused of having illegally exported 3.000 tons of live crab to Japan, China and South Korea (total value of 24.700 Euros).

[Noti Ulti](#)

Mislabelling of seafood products in Australia

Researchers have analysed the quality and accuracy of labels from 672 seafood products (hoki, prawns, sharks and rays, snapper, squid and cuttlefish, and tuna), uncovering a mislabelling rate of 11.8% through DNA barcoding.

[Scientific Reports](#)

[The Guardian](#)

[Port Stephens Examiner](#)

[Illawarra Mercury](#)

[Smart Company](#)

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[Western Advocate](#)

[Matiland Mercury](#)

[Newcastle Herald](#)

Grey market in Argentina

The authorities destroyed 27.5 tons of fish (shad and pati) without any documentation.

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Grey market in France

The authorities of French Guiana seized 2.5 tons of contraband fish.

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Adulterated defrosted Tuna with chemicals in Italy

The authorities uncovered a criminal organisation adulterating defrosted tuna with unsafe chemicals (nitrites and nitrates). Several people have been affected across the country in 2021.

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Fish grey market in the EU

From October 2022 to June 2023 Operation LAKE, coordinated by Europol, led to the arrest of 256 persons responsible for the trafficking of 25 tons of glass eels (total value of 13 million Euros).

[Europol](#)
[Il Metropolitano](#)
[Euronews](#)

Illegally sold seafood in Spain

The authorities seized 2 tons of seafood sold illegally.

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Fish grey market in France

The authorities of French Guiana seized 13 tons of contraband fish in May and 49 tons of contraband fish in June.

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Mussels grey market in Italy

The authorities seized 3 tons of mussels illegally farmed.

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Illegal fish in Brazil

The authorities seized 28.7 tons of shark fins illegally fished.

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Fish grey market in the USA

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers seized 270 swim bladders (110 kg) of the endangered Totoaba fish (total value of 2.46 million Euros). The product is prized in traditional Chinese Medicine and considered a cultural delicacy.

[Cbp.gov](#)

[Herald Online](#)

[News Observer](#)

Seafood without traceability documentation

50 tons of seafood without traceability documentation were seized by the authorities (total value of 500.000 Euros).

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The authorities seized 7 tons of tuna illegally fished.

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Tuna lacking traceability documentation in Italy

The authorities seized a total of 8.1 tons of tuna without traceability documentation.

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Octopus lacking traceability documentation in Italy

The authorities seized 2.5 tons of octopus without traceability documentation.

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Fish grey market in Spain and France

An uncovered criminal organization involved in illegal eel trafficking was discovered by the authorities. In total, 1.5 tons of live eels and several tons of frozen batches not suitable for human consumption were seized by the authorities.

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Seafood without traceability documents in Italy

2.2 tons of seafood without traceability documentation were seized by the authorities.

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The authorities seized 1 ton of red tuna without traceability documentation (total value of 10.000 Euros).

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Fish analysis in Brazil

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (Mapa) has analyzed 152 fish samples to detect the fraudulent practices of mislabelling and substitution. The result was a 96.1% compliance rate.

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[Midia News](#)
[Revista Negocio Rural](#)

Contraband seafood and poultry in the Philippines

The authorities seized contraband seafood and poultry meat (total value of 2 million Euros).

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[Manila Times](#)
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Seized products in Portugal

The authorities seized:

- 8.5 tons of fresh and frozen octopus without traceability documentation
- 4 200 packages of food supplements (total value of 16.800 Euros) because of the presence of unauthorized iron oxide.

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Seafood illegally fished in Italy

The authorities seized a total of 3.6 tons of seafood (including red tuna) illegally fished.

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[Agridento Oggi](#)
[Giornale di Sicilia](#)
[Blog Sicilia](#)
[Palermo Today](#)
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The authorities seized in total 6.650 sea urchins without traceability documentation.

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[Sardinia Post](#)
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Contraband fish in Mauritius

The authorities seized 3 tons of contraband fish.

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Grey market in Argentina

The authorities seized 6 tons of shellfish without any documentation.

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Grey market in Italy

The authorities seized 1.5 tons of mussels without traceability documentation.

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[Quotidiano Puglia](#)

[La Milano](#)

[Taranto Buonasera](#)

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Sea urchins without traceability documents in Italy

The authorities seized a total of 2.750 sea urchins without traceability documentation.

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[Molfetta live](#)

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Contraband agri-fishery products in the Philippines

In January, authorities at the Manila International Container Port (MICP) seized contraband agri-fishery products for a total value of almost 3.5 million Euros.

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[Manilla Metro](#)

[Manilla Standard](#)

Grey market Italy

The authorities seized 2 tons of sardines illegally fished.

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The authorities seized 1.1 tons of illegally fished red tuna.

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[Meridio News](#)
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Seafood without traceability in Italy

The authorities seized 4 tons of seafood without traceability documentation.

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[Palermo Today](#)
[New Sicilia](#)

Misleading fish in Australia

By using DNA barcoding in 104 retailers, researchers detected IUCN red list threatened sharks in fish and chip meals. Only 27% of the samples identified as gummy sharks (characterized by a sustainable population) and only 11% of retailers identified them without mistakes in the species sold.

[Food Control](#)
[National Tribune](#)
[Maitland Mercury](#)
[Samachar Central](#)
[9 News](#)
[News](#)
[Herald Sun](#)
[Courier mail](#)
[Technology Networks](#)
[The Guardian](#)
[Abc News](#)
[Independent](#)
[The Border Mail](#)
[Daily Advertiser](#)
[Ilawarra Mercury](#)
[Port Stephens Examiner](#)
[The Canberra Times](#)
[Western Times](#)
[Daily Star](#)
[Sky News](#)
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Adulterated shrimps in Bangladesh

Between July and December 2022, the authorities seized 1.66 tons of shrimp injected with jelly-like substances.

[The Financial Express](#)