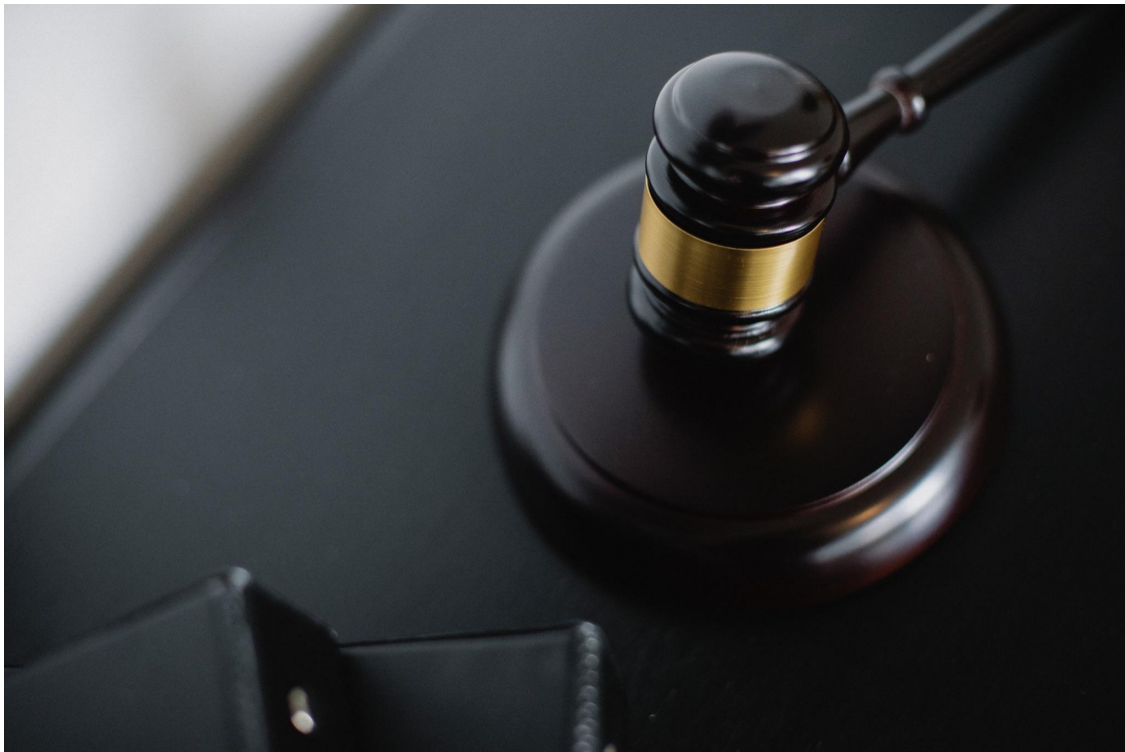


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# Legislation

## **Guidelines for the proper application of Unfair Commercial Practices Act**

[Public Gazette C 526 of 29 December 2021, p. 1](#)

Communication from the Commission - Guidance on the interpretation and application of Directive 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market. Communication on prices and price indications.

[EU Official Journal C 526 of 29 December 2021, p. 130](#)

Communication from the Commission - Guidelines on the interpretation and application of Article 6a of Directive 98/6/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on consumer protection in the indication of the prices of products offered to consumers.

## **Key figures European food chain 1st edition**

[Eurostat publication dated 15 December 2021](#)

Key figures on the European food chain - 2021 edition

Annex: [Report Key figures on the European food chain. \(pdf\)](#)

## **Regulation to the Commodities Act on beverages for infants and milk for infants rejected**

[Publicatieblad EU L 17 van 26 januari 2022, p. 52](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/100 of 24 January 2022 on a draft Decision of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on beverages for infants and milk for infants, notified under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

[Publicatieblad EU L 17 van 26 januari 2022, p. 56](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/101 of 24 January 2022 on a draft Decision of the Kingdom of the Netherlands on beverages for infants and milk for infants, notified under Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

## **Nano-precipitated calcium carbonate in food contact materials found safe by EFSA**

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(2\):7135](#)

Safety assessment of the substance nano precipitated calcium carbonate for use in plastic food contact materials.

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(2\):7136](#)

Safety assessment of the substance fatty acid-coated nano precipitated calcium carbonate for use in plastic food contact materials.

## **EFSA examines circular economy in relation to food safety**

[EFSA Journal 2022;19\(3\):EN-7226](#)

Food and feed safety vulnerabilities in the circular economy.

## **Study in 90,000 samples from 2020 by EFSA: MRLs not exceeded in 94.9%**

[EFSA Journal 2022;20\(3\):7215](#)

The 2020 European Union report on pesticide residues in food.

## **Registration of 25 protected names between October and December 2021**

[EU Official Journal L 105 of 4 April 2022, p. 57](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/532 of 1 April 2022 establishing a list of geographical indications protected under Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council for which applications for international registration are to be submitted pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

[EU Official Journal L 106 of 5 April 2022, p. 15](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/540 of 1 April 2022 adopting a list of geographical indications protected under Regulation (EU) 2019/787 of the European Parliament and of the Council for which applications for international registration are to be submitted pursuant to Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council.'

[EU Official Journal L 106 of 5 April 2022, p. 18](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/541 of 1 April 2022 establishing a list of geographical indications protected under Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council for which applications for international registration are to be submitted pursuant to Art. 2 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

### **Sodium diacetate (E 262 (ii)) amended by Regulation 231/2008**

[Public Journal EU L 119 of 21 April 2022, p. 65](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/650 of 20 April 2022 amending the Annex to Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 laying down specifications of food additives listed in Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards specifications of sodium diacetate (E 262 (ii)).

### **Scientific evidence for health claims not enough**

[EU Official Journal L 133 of 10 May 2022, p. 6](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/709 of 6 May 2022 refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods referring to children's development and health

[EU Official Journal L 133 of 10 May 2022, p. 9](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/710 of 6 May 2022 refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to the reduction of disease risk.

[EU Official Journal L 133 of 10 May 2022, p. 12](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/711 of 6 May 2022 refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health

[EU Official Journal L 134 of 11 May 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/719 of 10 May 2022 refusing to authorise certain health claims made on foods, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health "

[Official Journal EU L 135 of 12 May 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/727 of 11 May 2022 refusing to authorise a health claim made on foods and referring to disease risk reduction.

EU-wide food policy recommended

[Official Journal EU C 194 of 12 May 2022, p. 72](#)

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on Food security and sustainable food systems (exploratory opinion requested by the French presidency).

### **EUChooseSafeFood part 2 launched**

### [EFSA-nieuws van 16 mei 2022](#)

#EUChooseSafeFood Take Two – second year of joint EU Member States and EFSA campaign kicks off.

### **Official controls on some third-country products expanded**

#### [EU Official Journal L 158 of 13 June 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/913 of 30 May 2022 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures in relation to the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625 and (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

### **Rules for food contaminant controls in Regulation (EU) 2017/625**

#### [Public Gazette EU L 162 of 17 June 2022, p. 7](#)

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/931 of 23 March 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for the performance of official controls in respect of contaminants in food.

#### [EU Official Journal L 162 of 17 June 2022, p. 13](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 of 9 June 2022 on uniform practical arrangements for the implementation of official controls as regards contaminants in food, specific additional content of multi-annual national control plans and specific additional arrangements for their preparation.

### **Oat lecithin added to lecithins E 322 with e-number E 322a**

#### [EU Official Journal L 172 of 29 June 2022, p. 5](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1023 of 28 June 2022 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council and the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 as regards the use of oat lecithin in cocoa and chocolate products as defined in Directive 2000/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

### **E 1201 approved as a stabiliser in medical foods**

#### [EU Official Journal L 173 of 30 June 2022, p. 56](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1038 of 29 June 2022 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of polyvinylpyrrolidone (E 1201) in food for medical purposes, in tablet and drage form.

### **Requirements for maximum levels in samples and analysis of PFAS in foodstuffs**

#### [Public Journal EU L 221, 26.8.2022, p. 66](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1428 of 24 August 2022 laying down methods of sampling and analysis for the control of perfluoroalkyl substances in certain foodstuffs. [EU Official Journal L 221 of 26 August 2022, p. 105](#)

#### [EU Official Journal L 221 of 26 August 2022, p. 105](#)

Commission Recommendation (EU) 2022/1431 of 24 August 2022 on the monitoring of perfluoroalkyl substances in foodstuffs.

### **Revised guidance on EU regulations on good hygiene practices and HACCP procedures**

#### [Publication Journal EU C 355 of 16 September 2022, p. 1](#)

Communication from the Commission on the implementation of food safety management systems consisting of good hygiene practices and procedures based on HACCP principles, including the promotion/flexibility of implementation in certain food establishments.

#### **Rules revised for food contact recycled plastic**

[Public Gazette L 243 of 20 September 2022, p. 3](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1616 of 15 September 2022 on recycled plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and repealing Regulation (EC) No 282/2008. Corrigendum.

[EU Official Journal L 244 of 21 September 2022, p. 70](#)

Corrigendum to Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/1616 of 15 September 2022 on recycled plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and repealing Regulation (EC) No 282/2008 (Official Journal of the European Union L 243 of 20 September 2022).

#### **Request submitted for registration of citizens' initiative for vegan meals**

[EU Official Journal L 275 of 25 October 2022, p. 75](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2053 of 18 October 2022 on the request for registration of the European Citizens' Initiative 'European Citizens' Initiative for Vegan Meals' under Regulation (EU) 2019/788 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

#### **A number of substances and UV filters in cosmetic products permitted with reservations**

[EU Official Journal L 292 of 11 November 2022, p. 32](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2195 of 10 November 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the use of butylated hydroxytoluene, Acid Yellow 3, homosalate and HAA299 in cosmetic products, and correcting that Regulation as regards the use of resorcinol in cosmetic products.

#### **Proposal for new regulation system geographical indications**

[EU Official Journal C 443 of 22 November 2022, p. 116](#)

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on geographical indications of the European Union for wines, spirit drinks and agricultural products and quality schemes for agricultural products, amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013, (EU) 2017/1001 and (EU) 2019/787 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 COM(2022) 134 final - 2022/0089 (COD).

#### **Change in EU control regulation**

[EU Official Journal L 304 of 24 November 2022, p. 31](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2293 of 18 November 2022 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards the list of third countries with an approved control plan for the use of pharmacologically active substances, maximum residue limits for pharmacologically active substances and pesticides and maximum contaminant levels.

#### **Regulation on imports of animals and consumer goods supplemented**

[Public Journal EU L 304 of 24 November 2022, p. 1](#)

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2292 of 6 September 2022 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards conditions for the entry into

the Union of consignments of food-producing animals and certain goods intended for human consumption.

### **Hygiene requirements for food of animal origin changed**

[Public Journal EU L 299 of 18 November 2022, p. 5](#)

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/2258 of 9 September 2022 amending and correcting Annex III to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council on specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin as regards fishery products, eggs and certain highly refined products, and amending Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/624 as regards certain bivalve molluscs.

### **Risk assessments for plasticisers in food contact materials**

[EFSA-nieuws van 24 november 2022](#)

Phthalates and other plasticisers: Plan to guide EFSA assessment.

Annex: [Protocol for the hazard assessment as part of the risk assessment of phthalates, structurally similar substances and replacement substances potentially used as plasticisers in materials and articles intended to come into contact with food](#)

### **Regulation Official Controls to be clarified by Commission**

[Public Journal EU C 467 of 8 December 2022, page 2](#)

Commission communication on the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council (Official Controls Regulation).

### **The requirements for analytical methods for arsenic have been amended**

[EU Official Journal L 318 of 12 December 2022, p. 4](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2418 of 9 December 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 333/2007 on analytical methods for monitoring levels of trace elements and process contaminants in foodstuffs.

### **Codex Alimentarius Commission adopted 500 new food safety standards**

[Codex Alimentarius news of 15 December 2022](#)

Codex adopts more than 500 new food safety standards.

## **Fraud**

### **ACN Annual Report 2021**

The European Commission has published the ACN Annual Report 2021. The Alert and Cooperation Network (ACN) is composed of the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF), the Administrative Assistance and Cooperation System (AAC) and the Food Fraud Network (FFN).

[Ec.europa](#)

[Aesan](#)

[Food Retail](#)

[Food Safety News](#)  
[Revista](#)  
[Alimentaria](#)

### **2021 report on food adulteration**

The Italian authorities published the 2021 report on food adulteration. They performed 61 756 anti-fraud controls and inspected over 33 000 business operators and 62 000 products. The value of all products seized was 9.1 billion Euros.

[ICQRF](#)

[Wine news](#)

[Terra e Vita](#)

[Il Salvagente](#)

[GreenMe](#)

Regarding olive oil, analytical non-compliances were found in 20.2% of the samples analyzed.

Common frauds included:

- the mislabelling of virgin olive oil for extra-virgin olive oil
- the mixing of olive oil with seed oils
- falsification of the country of origin
- a counterfeit of Geographical Indications (GIs)

[Teatro Naturale](#)

### **2019-2022 smuggling report**

From 2019 to 2022, 11.5 million Euros of agri-food products were smuggled into the country.

[News Info](#)

### **New Centre for Excellence in Agriculture and Food Integrity**

The UK Government has launched the Centre for Excellence in Agriculture and Food Integrity, a partnership between Queen's University Belfast and the National Measurement Laboratory (NML) at LGC in Teddington. The Centre will be based at the ASSET Technology Centre at Queen's University Belfast.

[Gov.uk](#)

### **Experts interviewed**

An online journal has interviewed several food crime experts, focusing also on recent • perturbations (Brexit, Covid and the war in Ukraine) in the global food supply chain.

[Sunday Post](#)

### **New study on US seafood fraud**

The Vermont Law School has Approaches in the United States" the US seafood policy.

[Vermont Law](#)

[Ein news](#)

[SeafoodSource](#)

### **Food Fraud Annual Report (2020 — 2021)**

the Government of Canada published an overview of the food fraud initiatives activities performed in 2020 and 2021.

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### **New Codex Alimentarius guidance on food fraud**

The Codex Alimentarius Commission announced that new guidance on food fraud is expected in 2024 or 2025

[Securing Industry](#)

### **FSAI report on meat standards**

The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) audited supermarkets, butchers, food service establishments, storage and distribution establishments, meat-processing plants, and slaughterhouses for meat labeling and traceability standards, with 27 unannounced on-site audits. The auditors found:

- non-compliances with labeling requirements for prepacked food
- non-compliances with food information requirements for non-prepacked foods
- non-compliances with traceability requirements

[FSAI](#)  
[Aqriland](#)  
[Farmers Journal](#)  
[Aqriland](#)  
[Global Foodmate](#)

### **The biggest cases of food fraud ever**

An online journal describes some of the most infamous food frauds all over the world.

[Mashed](#)

### **FAO publication on food fraud**

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) published the report "international and national regulatory strategies to counter food fraud"

[FAO](#)

### **Food fraud vulnerability assessment in the Chinese oil sector**

A scientific article assessed the perceived fraud vulnerability of Chinese enterprises using the SSFAE FFVA tool.

[Food Control](#)

### **Greenwashing**

An online article covers the risk of fraudulent claims about the environmental impact of food products.

[New Food Magazine](#)



### **Horizon scanning from EFSA**

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published the document "Horizon scanning exercise on preparedness for future risk assessment requirements and possible challenges in regulatory science". Within Thematic area 5 (Sustainable food systems and food safety) food fraud is mentioned as an element of relevance to be monitored.

[EFSA](#)

### **Annual Report on food safety inspection**

The Romanian Veterinary and Food Safety Agency (ANSVSA) published its annual report covering food safety inspection. More than 1.6 tons of substandard products have been seized.

[Food mate](#)

### **Analytical technique to spot fake eggs**

Researchers from South Korea and the USA have developed an analytical technique based on chemometrics and Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectroscopy (99.0% accuracy) to detect fake eggs. Fake egg white and yolk can be artificially created with sodium alginate, gelatin, and colourings, whereas fake shells, can be built with calcium chloride.

[Infrared Physics & Technology](#)

[Securing industry](#)

### **Food frauds in Italy**

A scientific article analyses the food fraud in Italy from 1997 to 2002, following the entry into force of the Hygiene Package.

[Foods](#)

### **Food fraud concerns over sunflower oil**

Following the conflict in Ukraine, food fraud experts believe that sunflower oil may be an easy target for fraudsters, given the rising prices and the disruption in the supply chain.

[Food navigator.](#)

### **Tools & Guides from FAN**

The Food Authenticity Network (FAN) has a section collecting tools, guidelines, and reports on food fraud.

[FAN](#)

### **Analysis on MediSys-FF World**

A scientific article analyses food fraud cases identified by MediSys-FF over a 6-year period (2015–2020).

[Food Control](#)

[Food Authenticity Network](#)

### **In France report on mislabelling**

The Direction générale de la concurrence, de la consommation et de la répression des fraudes (DGCCRF) published the 2020 report on « francization » of foodstuffs within the French territory. Rates of non-compliance are 30% for markets and fairs; 25% for the retail stage; 16% for the production stage; 5% for the wholesalers.

[Economie.gov](#)  
[Arboriculture](#)  
[Oise agricole](#)

### **An analytical perspective on honey authenticity**

The UK Government Chemist team published two extensive reviews dedicated to honey authenticity and its challenges.

[Gov.uk](#)  
[Securing Industry](#)