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FACT SHEET

2023



Legislation

Product specification Espárrago de Navarra (Spanish asparagus) amended

[EU Official Journal L 219 of 6 September 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1687 of 30 August 2023 approving a non-minor amendment to the specification of a name entered in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Espárrago de Navarra' (PGI)).

Szabolcsi alma (Hungarian apple) registered in the PGI register

[EU Official Journal L 219 of 6 September 2023, p. 3](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1688 of 30 August 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Szabolcsi alma' (PGI)).

Amendment to specification Asparago di Cantello (Italian asparagus) approved

[EU Official Journal L 211 of 28 August 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1663 of 21 August 2023 approving a non-minor amendment to the specification of a name entered in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Asparago di Cantello' (PGI)).

Registration Ciliegia di Lari (PGI) (Italian cherry) in the PGI register

[Official Journal EU L 214 of 31 August 2023, p. 94](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1671 of 24 August 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Ciliegia di Lari' (PGI)).

Product specification Alcachofa de Tudela (artichoke hearts) amended

[EU Official Journal L 195 of 3 August 2023, p. 3](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1589 of 27 July 2023 approving a non-minor amendment to the specification of a name entered in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Alcachofa de Tudela' (PGI)).

For tiger nuts and certain cultivated mushrooms, the maximum levels of cadmium were increased

[EU Official Journal L 184 of 21 July 2023, p. 21](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1510 of 20 July 2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards the maximum levels of cadmium in tiger nuts and certain cultivated mushrooms.

EFSA recommends setting MRLs for fenarimol at quantification limit

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(7\):8113](#)

Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for fenarimol

Aceite de Madrid (Spanish olive oil) entered in PDO register

[EU Official Journal L 95 of 4 April 2023, p. 41](#)

Commission implementing regulation (EU) 2023/732 of 28 March 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Aceite de Madrid' (PDO)).

Roasted makhana seeds may be imported from third countries as traditional food

[Official Journal EU L 81 of 21 March 2023, p. 23](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/652 of 20 March 2023 authorising the placing on the market of roasted and puffed kernels of the seeds of *Euryale ferox* Salisb. (makhana) as a traditional food from a third country pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.

Dried kenari nuts may be imported from third countries as traditional foodstuffs

[Official Journal EU L 84 of 23 March 2023, p. 3](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/667 of 22 March 2023 authorising the placing on the market of dried nuts of *Canarium indicum* L. as traditional food from a third country and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.

MRLs thiacloprid for peaches and peppers should be lower

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7888](#)

Statement on the short-term (acute) dietary risk assessment and evaluation of confirmatory data for certain maximum residue levels (MRLs) for thiacloprid.

Maximum levels of MRLs cypermethrin further investigated

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7800](#)

Review of the existing maximum residue levels for cypermethrins according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

MRLs for bifenthrin reassessed

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7864](#)

Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for bifenthrin.

MRLs isoxaben, novaluron and tetraconazole modified

[Official Journal EU L 68 of 6 March 2023, p. 55](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/466 of 3 March 2023 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for isoxaben, novaluron and tetraconazole in or on certain products.

MRL for toltrazuril in poultry eggs

[Official Journal EU L 67 of 3 March 2023, p. 38](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/454 of 2 March 2023 amending Regulation (EU) No 37/2010 on the classification of the substance toltrazuril as regards its maximum residue limit in foodstuffs of animal origin.

Endo-polygalacturonase (food enzyme) approved

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7837](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme endo-polygalacturonase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain EPG.

MRLs of oxamyl cannot be determined

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7823](#)

Statement on the risk assessment of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for oxamyl in view of consumer protection.

GMO maize GA21 × T25 found safe

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(1\):7729](#)

Assessment of genetically modified maize GA213T25 for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003(application EFSA-GMO-DE-2016-137).

Changes in MRLs of pesticides beta-cyfluthrin, cyfluthrin, cycloxydim, cyflumetofen, metobromuron, penthiopyrad and PAM

[Official Journal EU L 25 of 27 January 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/173 of 26 January 2023 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for 1-methyl-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide (PAM), cycloxydim, cyflumetofen, cyfluthrin, metobromuron and penthiopyrad in or on certain products.

[Official Journal EU L 27 of 31 January 2023, p. 7](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/198 of 30 January 2023 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for abamectin in or on certain products.

Pili nuts approved as a traditional food from third countries

[Official Journal EU L 39 of 9 February 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/267 of 8 February 2023 authorising the placing on the market of dried nuts of *Canarium ovatum* Engl. as a traditional food from a third country and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.

MRLs of pesticides clothianidin and thiamethoxam changed

[Official Journal EU L 47 of 15 February 2023, p. 29](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/334 of 2 February 2023 amending Annexes II and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for clothianidin and thiamethoxam in or on certain products.

Safety of locust bean gum (E410) reassessed

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(2\):7775](#)

Re-evaluation of locust bean gum (E 410) as a food additive in foods for infants below 16 weeks of age and follow-up of its re-evaluation as a food additive for uses in foods for all population groups.

Modified MRLs of pesticides benzalkonium chloride (BAC), chlorpropham, didecyldimethylammonium chloride (DDAC), flutriafol, metazachlor, nicotine, profenofos, quizalofop-P, sodium aluminium silicate, thiabendazole and triadimenol

[Official Journal EU L 55 of 22 February 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/377 of 15 February 2023 amending Annexes II, III, IV and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels of benzalkonium chloride (BAC), chlorpropham, didecyldimethylammonium chloride (DDAC), flutriafol, metazachlor, nicotine, profenophos, quizalofop-P, sodium aluminium silicate, thiabendazole and triadimenol in or on certain products.

Fermented pea and rice protein, Lacto-N-tetraose (LNT) and 3 fucosyllactose (3-FL) approved as novel foods under conditions

[Official Journal L 2 of 4 January 2023, p. 16](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/6 of 3 January 2023 authorising the placing on the market of pea and rice protein fermented with the mycelium of *Lentinula edodes* (shiitake mushroom) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.

[Official Journal EU L 2 of 4 January 2023, p. 21](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/7 of 3 January 2023 authorising the placing on the market of lacto-N-tetraose produced from derived strains of Escherichia coli BL21(DE3) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.

[Official Journal EU L 3 of 5 January 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/52 of 4 January 2023 authorising the placing on the market of 3-fucosyllactose produced from a derived strain of Escherichia coli BL21(DE3) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.

Rapeseed has not been found to be safe as a novel food

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(1\):7706](#)

Safety of whole seeds of oilseed rape (*Brassica napus* L emend. Metzg.) as a novel food pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

Maximum levels of dithianone should be revised

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(1\):7731](#)

Review of the existing maximum residue levels for dithianon according to Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.

The maximum residue level of a number of pesticides has changed

[Official Journal EU L 17 of 19 January 2023, p. 8](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/127 of 18 January 2023 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for acequinocyl in or on certain products

[Official Journal EU L 17 of 19 January 2023, p. 22](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/128 of 18 January 2023 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for benalaxyl, bromoxynil, chlorosulfuron, epoxiconazole and fenamiphos in or on certain products

[Official Journal EU L 17 of 19 January 2023, p. 56](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/129 of 18 January 2023 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels of azoxystrobin, prosulfocarb, sedaxane and valifenalate in or on certain products.

MRLs of pesticides cyromazine, topramezone and triflumiazole have changed

[Official Journal EU L 20 of 23 January 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/147 of 20 January 2023 amending Annexes II, III and V to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels of cyromazine, topramezone and triflumiazole in or on certain products.

[Official Journal EU L 23 of 25 January 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/163 of 18 January 2023 amending Annexes II and III to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels of DDT and oxathiapiprolin in or on certain products.

Genetically modified maize MON 87419 as safe as conventional counterpart

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(1\):7730](#)

Assessment of genetically modified maize MON 87419 for food and feed uses, under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 (application EFSA-GMO-NL-2017-140).

Melocotón de Ciez (Spanish peach) entered in PGI register

[Official Journal EU L 119 of 5 May 2023, p. 158](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/916 of 28 April 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Melocotón de Cieza' (PGI)).

Safety of yellow and orange tomato extract not established by exceeding ADI for lycopene

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(5\):7994](#)

Safety of yellow/orange tomato extract as a novel food pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/2283.

Cedro di Santa Maria del Cedro (Italian cedar apple) entered in the PDO register

[EU Official Journal L 132 of 17 May 2023, p. 45](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/971 of 10 May 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications 'Cedro di Santa Maria del Cedro'.

Suruç Narı (Turkish pomegranate) entered in PDO register

[EU Official Journal L 143 of 2 June 2023, p. 4](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1063 of 26 May 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Suruç Narı' (PDO)).

Croatian pumpkin seed oil and Polish plum jam entered in the PGI register

[Official Journal EU L 168 of 3 July 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1340 of 26 June 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Varaždinsko bučino ulje' (PGI)).

[EU Official Journal L 171 of 6 July 2023, p. 5](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1414 of 29 June 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Powidła śliwkowe z Doliny Dolnej Wisły' (PGI)).

Turkish olive oil registered in the PDO register

[EU Official Journal L 183 of 20 July 2023, p. 6](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1489 of 13 July 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ("Edremit Zeytinyağı" (PDO))

Fraud

Grey market in Brazil

The authorities seized 25 tons of garlic and 3 tons of raisins smuggled from Argentina.

[Gov.br](#)

[O documento](#)

Grey sugar market in Pakistan

The authorities seized 350 tons of contraband sugar.

[Ary News](#)

[The Frontier](#)

[Post The News](#)

Grey rice market in Nigeria

The authorities seized 6.35 tons of contraband foreign rice.

[Daily post](#)

Grey wheat market in Pakistan

The authorities seized 16.981 tons of smuggled wheat.

[Urdu Point](#)

[The Nation](#)

[App](#)

Adulterated Tea in Pakistan

The authorities seized 3 tons of tea adulterated with non-food grade colours, used tea and chemicals.

[Urdu Point](#)

Grey lemon market in Peru

The authorities seized 11 tons of contraband lemons from Colombia (total value of 40.250 Euros).

[Peru21](#)

Grey vegetable market in Singapore

The authorities seized 1.6 tons of vegetables illegally imported from Malaysia.

[Sfa.gov](#)

[Straits Times](#)

[Asia One](#)

Grey flour market in Brazil

The authorities seized 24 tons of contraband wheat flour from Argentina.

[Gov.br](#)

[Revista Cultivar](#)

[Diario Induscom](#)

[Revista Negocio](#)

[Rural Progresso](#)

[Globo Rural](#)

Grey rice market in India

The authorities seized in total 26.2 tons of rice intended for the Public Distribution System.

[The Hindu](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Uniindia](#)

[The Hindu](#)

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Grey onion market in Brazil

The authorities seized 3 tons of onions smuggled from Argentina.

[O documento](#)

Mislabeled Olives in Brazil

The authorities stated that 82.6% of the 46 samples of imported olive oil is mislabelled with a quality superior to the real one. Analysis were performed by using sensory standards.

[Gov.br](#)
[Globo Rural](#)

Contraband food in Venezuela

The authorities seized 1.2 tons of contraband food and 12.6 tons of contraband avocados from Colombia.

[Proceso](#)
[el Universal](#)
[Union Radio](#)
[El Periodiquito](#)
[Vtv](#)
[Vanguardia](#)
[Infobae](#)
[Noticiero Venevision](#)
[el Pitazo](#)
[el Diario de Guayana](#)
[el Aragueno](#)
[Noticiero Venevision](#)
[Infobae](#)
[The food tech](#)
[el Diario de Guayana](#)
[el Tiempo](#)

Grey sugar market in Bangladesh

The authorities seized 11.2 tons of smuggled sugar.

[New Age Bd](#)

Watermelon grey market in Chile

The authorities seized 25 tons of watermelon smuggled from Peru (total value of 42 300 Euros).

[El Morrocotudo](#)

Rice grey market in India

The authorities seized in total 13.8 tons of contraband ration rice.

[The Hindu](#)
[The Hindu](#)
[Times of India](#)

Grey market in Bangladesh

The authorities seized in total 8 tons of smuggled sugar.

[New Age Bd](#)
[New Age Bd](#)

Grey market in Nigeria

Between January and August the authorities seized 90 tons of contraband sugar and 16.4 tons of contraband foreign parboiled rice.

[Concise](#)
[Daily Post](#)
[Politics Nigeria](#)

Rice grey market in India

The authorities seized 6 tons of contraband ration rice.

[The Hindu](#)

Olive oil grey market in Italy

The authorities seized 775 litres of olive oil without labels of traceability documentation.

[Ecoseven](#)

[La Nuova Ferrara](#)

[Gazzetta di Reggio](#)

[Gazzetta di Modena](#)

[Civoline](#)

[Meteo Web](#)

[Affari Italiani](#)

[Stretto Web](#)

[La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno](#)

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[Money](#)

[Notizie in un Click](#)

[Lecce Sette](#)

[TRNews](#)

[Foggia Today](#)

[Il tabloid](#)

[Oltre Free Press](#)

[La Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno](#)

Grey market in India

The authorities seized 29 tons of sugar ready to be smuggled to Bangladesh.

[Ani News](#)

[Singapore Star](#)

[Nigeria Sun](#)

[Northern Ireland News](#)

Grey market in India

The authorities seized 3 tons of contraband tomatoes at the India-Nepal border.

[Economic Times](#)

Mislabelled as Made in Italy

The authorities seized 140 tons of food (mostly olives, mushrooms and vegetables) mislabelled as "Made in Italy" but in reality produced in Spain, Hungary and Netherlands (total value of 4 million Euros).

[Ansa](#)

[Torino Today](#)

[Torino Oggi](#)

[Torino Cronaca](#)

[Met](#)

[La Nazione](#)

[Go News](#)

[Ital press](#)

[L'Eco de Sud](#)

[Notizie.Tiscali](#)

[Giornale Partite Iva](#)

[Lo Spiffero](#)

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[La discussione](#)

[Aplazio](#)

[Agenpress](#)

[Tempostretto](#)

[La Ragione](#)

[Prima Press](#)

[La Nazione](#)

[Il Tirreno](#)

Rice grey market in Malaysia

The authorities seized a total of 28 tons of rice from Singapore without a valid import documentation (total value of 29 700 Euros).

[The Star](#)

[The Sun Daily](#)

[Malay Mail](#)

Grey market in India

The authorities seized in total 25.1 tons of smuggled rice meant for the public distribution system.

[The Hindu](#)

Conventional rice sold as organic in Italy

The authorities investigated 14 farms cultivating conventional rice but selling it as organic

[Ansa](#)

[Il Giorno](#)

[Ital Press](#)

Fruits and vegetables grey market in Paraguay

The authorities seized 3.2 tons of contraband tomatoes, 340 kg of contraband carrots and 20 kg of contraband grapes.

[La Nacion](#)

Produce without traceability documentation in Italy

The authorities seized 2 tons of fruits and vegetables without traceability documentation.

[News Sicilia](#)

Mislabeled olive oil in Italy

The authorities seized 30 tons of olive oil mislabeled as extra-virgin olive oil.

[Ansa](#)

[Grandangolo Agrigento](#)

Grey market in India

The authorities seized 11 tons of sugar meant to be smuggled to Bangladesh.

[Ani News](#)

[Singapore Star](#)

[Northern Irelands News](#)

Tested olive oil in France

In 2021 the Direction générale de la concurrence, de la consommation et de la répression des fraudes (DGCCRF) carried out a control plan targeting olive oil. 39% of the 211 establishments checked and more than 80% of the 130 products analysed presented anomalies. Non-compliances related to the presence of other vegetable oils, quality standards, origin labelling and pesticides found in organic products.

[Le Figaro](#)

[Bfmtv](#)

[Terre](#)

[France TV Info](#)

Adulterated avocado oil in the USA and Canada

Researchers collected 36 samples of avocado oil from private labels throughout the US and Canada. The quality and purity standards were checked. Based on the results, 69% of samples had impurities (e.g. adulteration with cheaper oils).

[Food Control](#)

[NYpost](#)

Contaminated almonds in Spain

The authorities seized 25 tons of almonds unfit for human consumption (total value of 40 000 Euros). The shipment was found to be contaminated with toxins. Even though the criminals promised to destroy the products, they just sent the shells to be incinerated, willing to sell the contaminated shelled almonds on the market.

[Majorca Daily Bulletin](#)

Grey market in Nigeria

2.255 tons of contraband rice were seized by the authorities between January and March 2023.

[Sun News Online](#)

[Leadership](#)

Contraband rice seized in India

The authorities seized in total 16 773 tons of contraband rice meant for the Public Distribution System.

[Unindia](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Times of India](#)

Sugar grey market in Pakistan

27.1 tons of contraband sugar were seized by the authorities.

[The Nation](#)

[Brecorder](#)

The authorities seized 41 tons of sugar intended to be smuggled to Afghanistan.

[Dawn](#)

Grey market in Bolivia

150 000 eggs and 1 000 tons of sugar, rice, and flour ready to be smuggled to Peru were seized by the authorities.

[Los Tiempos](#)

[Eju](#)

The authorities seized 135 tons of smuggled rice and sugar.

[Erbol](#)

[Abi](#)

[Pagine siete](#)

Mislabeled olive oil in Italy

20 tons of olive oil mislabeled as extra-virgin were seized by the authorities. The total value seized was 60 000 Euros.

[Latina Today](#)

Contraband wheat and flour in Pakistan

25 875.3 tons of contraband wheat and flour were seized by the authorities.

[The Nation](#)

[PakObserver](#)

[Nation](#)

[The News](#)

[Urdu Point](#)

[Tribune](#)

Adulterated mangoes in India

Indian authorities seized and destroyed 1.766 tons of mangoes that were artificially ripened with ethylene.

[The Hindu](#)

Potatoes without traceability documents in Italy

The authorities seized 16 tons of potatoes without traceability documentation.

[Blog Sicilia](#)

Contraband products in Argentina

The authorities seized 63.8 tons of contraband corn and 14.8 tons of contraband soybean.

[Misiones online](#)

Contraband sugar in Pakistan

The authorities seized a total of 992 tons of contraband sugar.

[Urdu Point](#)

[PakObserver](#)

Adulterated spices in India

The authorities seized almost 62 tons of spices (masalas chili powder, turmeric powder, coriander powder and pickle masala) adulterated with oleoresin, starch powder, and grounded paper.

[Indian Express](#)

Contraband rice in India

24.875 tons of rice either contraband or meant for the Public Distribution System were seized by the authorities in India.

[The Hindu](#)

[The Hindu](#)

[Times of India](#)

[The Hindu](#)

Contraband wheat in Pakistan

The authorities seized in total 28 241 tons of contraband wheat.

[Urdu Point](#)

[Urdu Point](#)

[The News](#)

[The Nation](#)

[PakObserver](#)

[Urdu Point](#)

[Nation](#)

[Tribune](#)

[Urdu Point](#)

Contraband corn in Argentina

The authorities seized 12 tons of contraband corn ready to be smuggled to Brazil.

[Primera Edicion](#)

Contraband rice in Kyrgyzstan

The authorities seized 16 tons of contraband rice (a total value of 20 900 Euros).

[24](#)

[Akipress](#)

Smuggled sugar in the Philippines

The authorities seized 780 tons of smuggled sugar (a total value of 1.44 million Euros).

[News Info](#)

[Manila Standard](#)

[Manilla Times](#)

Adulterated rice in China

The authorities closed three companies adulterating a processed local rice breed with unauthorized artificial scent and flavoring (pyrazine and pyrrole) mislabelling it as Thai Jasmine rice.

[Bangkok Post](#)

[Pattaya Mail](#)

[Chiangrai Times](#)

Contraband glutinous rice flour seized in Malaysia

The authorities seized 24.5 tons of contraband glutinous rice flour from Thailand.

[Bernama](#)

[The Sun Daily](#)

Mislabelled vegetable oils in Spain

The authorities seized 85 000 liters (from 13 brands) of a mixture of vegetable oils and lampante mislabelled as virgin olive oil.

[El Mundo](#)

[Teller Report](#)

[Diario de Mallorca](#)

[la Nueva Espana](#)

[El dia Levante](#)

[Diario de Ibiza](#)

[Epe](#)

[el Periodico Mediterraneo](#)

[Europa press](#)
[Gente digital](#)
[el Periodico Extremadura](#)
[20 Minutos](#)
[Hoy](#)
[Radio Interior](#)
[Region digital](#)
[Diario Siglo XXI](#)
[Bolsa Mania](#)
[el Confidential Digital](#)
[Radio Interior](#)
[El diario](#)
[Europa press](#)
[Diario Veterinario](#)
[Gente digital](#)
[Diario Siglo XXI](#)
[Bolsamania](#)
[Region digital](#)
[el Periodico Extremadura](#)
[el Confidencial digital](#)
[La Voz del sur](#)
[Euro Weekly News](#)
[Sur in English](#)

Contraband flour in Bolivia

28 tons of contraband flour from Argentina (total value of 14 200 Euros) were seized by the authorities.

[El Pais](#)

Contraband parboiled rice in Nigeria

266.4 tons of contraband parboiled rice were seized by the authorities.

[Guardian](#)

Other 377 tons of contraband rice were seized by the authorities in January and February.

[Tvc News](#)

Contraband rice in India

The authorities seized in total 94.4 tons of contraband rice or rice meant for the public distribution system (PDS).

[Times of India](#)

[Times of India](#)

[The Hindu](#)

Contraband sugar in Pakistan

112 tons of contraband sugar were seized by the authorities.

[Dawn](#)

Counterfeit wheat seeds in Italy

The authorities seized 382 tons of wheat seeds without their Intellectual Property Rights certification (total value of 300 000 Euros) and without paying the companies holding the rights for those plant varieties.

[Agenparl](#)

[Tuscia Web](#)
[Giornale di Sicilia](#)
[Il Metropolitano](#)
[Quotidiano di Puglia](#)
[Meridiana Notizie](#)
[Quotidiano di Puglia](#)
[Resto al Sud](#)
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[Grandangolo Agrigento](#)
[TeleNicosia](#)
[Quotidiano di Gela](#)
[Itaca Notizie](#)
[Tempo Stretto](#)
[La Regione](#)
[Adnkronos](#)
[Alto Adige](#)

Contraband flour in Pakistan

The authorities seized 20 tons of contraband refined wheat flour (maida).

[PakObserver](#)

Smuggled sugar in the Philippines

The authorities seized at least 4 000 tons of smuggled white sugar from Thailand (total value of 6.8 million Euros).

[Manila Times](#)

[SunStar](#)

[Inquirer](#)

[Manilla Metro](#)

[Marine Insight](#)

[Safety4Sea](#)

[Maritime-Network](#)

[Manila Times](#)

Smuggled sugar in Bangladesh

The authorities seized almost 5.4 tons of sugar smuggled from India.

[Bss News](#)

Mislabelling in Brazil

16 000 liters of orange juice mislabelled as 'whole juice' (although containing concentrated juice diluted with water) and adulterated with extra sugars were seized by the authorities.

[Gov.br](#)

[Revista Negocio Rural](#)

Contraband wheat in Argentina

Customs authorities seized 64 tons of contraband wheat and 30 000 of birdseed (total value of 24 400 Euro).

[Cronica](#)

[Ambito](#)

[Diario Hoy](#)

Contraband corn in Guatemala

The authorities seized 13.6 tons of contraband corn from Mexico (a total value of 5 500 Euros).

[Pcn de Guatemala](#)

Grey market in India

The authorities seized in total 16 tons of contraband rice meant for the Public Distribution System.

[The Hindu](#)

[The Hindu](#)

Grey market in Pakistan

The authorities seized almost 36 000 tons of contraband wheat and flour.

[The Nation](#)

A total of 44 tons of contraband flour were seized by the authorities.

[The Nation](#)

[The Nation](#)

Fake tea leaves in Pakistan

800 kg of fake tea leaves adulterated with unhealthy dyes, spoiled leaves, and other substandard ingredients were seized by the authorities.

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Factory counterfeiting coffee and tea in Egypt

The authorities closed an unlicensed factory and seized 3 tons of raw materials. The factory was counterfeiting products and labels from famous coffee and tea brands.

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Contraband vegetable oils in Nigeria

The authorities seized 11 223 liters of contraband vegetable oils.

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Contraband rice in Kyrgystan

The authorities seized 2.88 tons of contraband rice without documents confirming customs clearance.

[24kg](#)

Smuggled sugar in the Philippines

4 000 tons of sugar from Thailand were seized by the authorities. The total value was 4.04 million euros.

[Manila Bulletin](#)
[GMA Network](#)
[ABS CBN News](#)
[Phil Star](#)
[Tribune](#)
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Grey market in Spain

The authorities seized 22.3 tons of olives without traceability documentation and were suspected of being stolen.

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Olive oil without traceability documentation

3 950 liters of olive oil without traceability documentation were seized by the authorities in Italy.

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3 tons of contraband olive oil from Albania were seized by the authorities.

[Brindisi report](#)
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Illegally imported brown sugar in Sri Lanka

The Customs authorities seized 600 tons of illegally imported brown sugar from India. There is an ongoing ban on the importation of brown sugar.

[Noticias al dia](#)
[Sri Lanka Mirror](#)
[Daily News](#)
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Rice seized in India

199 tons of contraband rice meant for the public distribution system (PDS) were seized by the authorities.

[Business Standard](#)

Grey market in Pakistan

The authorities seized in total 451 tons of contraband wheat and flour.

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