

# Animal products

## FACT SHEET

### 2023



## Legislation

### **Vaca de Extremadura (Spanish beef) entered in PGI register**

[EU Official Journal L 205 of 18 August 2023, p. 7](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1641 of 11 August 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Vaca de Extremadura' (PGI)).

### **Cerdo de Teruel (Fresh pork) from Spain entered in the PGI register**

[EU Official Journal L 204 of 17 August 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1636 of 10 August 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Cerdo de Teruel' (PGI)).

### **Bird flu in the Netherlands update**

[EU Official Journal L 197 of 7 August 2023, p. 9](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/1604 of 31 July 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

### **Avian flu in six European countries**

[EU Official Journal L 184 of 21 June 2023, p. 46](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/1520 of 17 July 2023 amending the annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

### **Small mealworm (*Alphitobius diaperinus*) found safe as a novel food**

[Official Journal EU L 5 of 6 January 2023, p. 10](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/58 of 5 January 2023 authorising the placing on the market of frozen, paste, dried and powdered forms of the larvae of *Alphitobius diaperinus* (small mealworm) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.

### **Avian flu update EU**

[Official Journal EU L 2 of 4 January 2023, p. 34](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/9 of 20 December 2022 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

### **Update on avian influenza in several EU countries**

[Official Journal EU L 16 of 18 January 2023, p. 42](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/125 of 10 January 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

### **Bird flu EU update**

[Official Journal EU L 32 of 3 February 2023, p. 123](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/233 of 19 January 2023 amending the Annex to

Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

#### **New outbreaks of avian influenza update EU**

[Official Journal EU L 40 of 10 February 2023, p. 26](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/312 of 30 January 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

[Official Journal EU L 48 of 16 February 2023, p. 26](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/343 of 8 February 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

#### **Lists of countries or regions from which imports of animal products are permitted have changed**

[Official Journal EU L 71 of 9 March 2023, p. 11](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/514 of 8 March 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/405 as regards highly refined products, the list of third countries with an approved control plan and the inclusion of Moldova in the list of third countries from which consignments of eggs intended to be placed on the market as grade A eggs entered the Union, is allowed.

#### **Avian flu update EU**

[Official Journal EU L 83 of 22 March 2023, p. 70](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/665 of 14 March 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States

#### **New outbreaks of avian influenza update EU**

[Official Journal EU L 68 of 6 March 2023, p. 100](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/469 of 20 February 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

[Official Journal EU L 69 of 7 March 2023, p. 14](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/497 of 3 March 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

#### **Reason for concern of risk of N-nitrosamines in meat**

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7884](#)

Risk assessment of N - nitrosamines in food.

#### **Avian flu outbreaks update EU**

[EU Official Journal L 93 of 31 March 2023, p. 108](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/719 of 24 March 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

#### **Phospholipase A2 not yet approved**

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(4\):7913](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme phospholipase A2 from porcine pancreas.

### **Avian flu EU update**

[EU Official Journal L 102 of 17 April 2023, p. 22](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/816 of 5 April 2023 amending the annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

### **Avian flu Europe update**

[EU Official Journal L 115 of 3 May 2023, p. 20](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/901 of 28 April 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

### **Avian flu outbreaks EU**

[EU Official Journal L 134 of 22 May 2023, p. 44](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/984 of 15 May 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

### **Avian flu update European countries**

[EU Official Journal L 144 of 5 June 2023, p. 63](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/1083 of 31 May 2023 amending the annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

### **New outbreak of bird flu in France**

[Official Journal EU L 166 of 30 June 2023, p. 139](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/1337 of 22 June 2023 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/641 on certain emergency measures in relation to outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in certain Member States.

## **Fraud**

### **Grey Indian buffalo meat market in the Philippines**

The authorities seized 1.7 tons of contraband Indian buffalo meat (total value of 7.500 Euros).

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[Whatsnew2day](#)

[NewsInfo](#)

[Manila Times](#)

### **Grey market in Hungary**

The authorities discovered a clandestine slaughtering facility and seized 4.3 tons of illegal meat products.

[Daily News Hungary](#)

### **Grey market in Pakistan**

The authorities seized several tons of meat illegally slaughtered in an unauthorised slaughterhouse.

[Urdu Point](#)

### **Contraband pork in Thailand**

The authorities seized 10.3 tons of contraband pork.

[The Thaiger](#)

### **Contraband chicken in Bolivia**

The authorities seized 2.7 tons of contraband chickens.

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### **Grey market Thailand**

In 2023 the authorities have already seized 4.7 million tons of contraband pork, 10 times more than last year.

[Bangkok Post](#)

### **Grey market in the Philippines**

The authorities seized 1.7 tons of meat products (duck, goose, chicken and pork) without a certification of importation.

[Tribune](#)

The authorities seized 14 tons of smuggled frozen meat (total value of 46.400 Euros).

[Tribune](#)

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The authorities seized 1 ton of contraband meat (total value of 33.100 Euros).

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### **Grey market in Paraguay**

The authorities seized 6 tons of contraband meat from Argentina.

[Megacadena](#)

[Paraguay](#)

### **Contraband beef in Bolivia**

The authorities seized 1.2 tons of contraband beef from Argentina.

[El Pais](#)

### **Smuggled beef in Thailand**

In 2022 the authorities seized 354 tons of smuggled beef (a total value of 1.4 million Euros).

[Thai PBS World](#)

[Chiangrai Times](#)

### **Meat grey market in Cambodia**

The authorities seized 9.5 tons of contraband pork, 370 smuggled live chickens, 150 contraband rabbits, and 500 kg of contraband chicken wings.

[Khmer Times](#)

### **Grey market in Spain**

The authorities seized 50 tons of pork from two clandestine warehouses and not respecting the hygiene requirements.

[Deia](#)

### **Contraband frozen meat in China**

Hong Kong authorities seized 37 tons of contraband frozen meat (a total value of 434 300 Euros).

[Foreign affairs](#)

### **Grey market in Thailand**

The authorities seized 29 tons of frozen beef smuggled from India

[Thai PBS World](#)

### **Contraband beef in Argentina**

The authorities seized 1 ton of contraband beef.

[Mdzol](#)

### **Adulterated chicken minced meat in Pakistan**

20 tons of poultry mincemeat made with unsafe chicken bones adulterated with red colorants were seized by the authorities.

[Urdu Point](#)

### **Contraband pork in Bolivia**

1.665 tons of contraband pork were seized by the authorities.

[Opinion](#)

[Reduno](#)

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[Hoy Bolivia](#)

### **Meat grey market in Paraguay**

1.9 tons of beef without traceability documentation were seized by the authorities in Paraguay.

[La Nacion](#)

Further, 1,566 tons of contraband pork were seized by the authorities.

[Sun News Online](#)

[Leadership](#)

### **Milabeling frozen lamb meat case in Bulgaria**

The authorities discovered 30 tons of frozen lamb meat from North Macedonia mislabelled as Hungarian.

[Sloboden Pecat](#)

### **Grey market in Singapore**

The authorities seized 2.2 tons of illegally imported food (e.g. frozen pork, beef, chicken, fish and frog).

[Sfa.gov](#)

[The Straits Times](#)

[Channel News Asia](#)

[Mothership](#)

[Seafood Source](#)

### **Contraband chicken meat in Uruguay**

The authorities seized 3.1 tons of contraband chicken meat.

[Teledoce](#)

[Subrayado](#)

### **Contraband seafood and poultry in the Philippines**

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

[Manila Bulletin](#)

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[GMA Network](#)  
[Manila Times](#)  
[Phil star](#)  
[Manila Times](#)  
[Manila Standard](#)  
[Bworld online](#)  
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### **Contraband canned chicken seized in Singapore**

Almost 1.2 tons of contraband canned chicken meat from Malaysia were seized in Singapore.

[SFA](#)  
[The Straits Times](#)

### **Foreign rotting pork sold as British in the United Kingdom**

The Food Standard Agency (FSA) reported that a rogue supplier sold foreign rotting pork, falsely labeled as British, for two decades.

[BBC](#)  
[The Guardian](#)  
[FWI](#)  
[Noti Ulti](#)  
[Belfast Telegraph](#)  
[Your local Guardian](#)  
[Independent York Press](#)  
[The Courier](#)  
[The Impartial reporter](#)  
[News & Star](#)  
[Edp](#)  
[Glasgow Times](#)  
[Daily Echo](#)  
[Kent Online](#)  
[Oxford Mail](#)  
[South Wales Argus](#)  
[HertsAd](#)  
[East Anglian Daily Times](#)  
[Great Yarmouth Mercury Connaught Telegraph](#)  
[Offaly Independent](#)  
[Mirror Independet](#)  
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[Standard](#)  
[Just food](#)  
[Telegraph](#)  
[Affidia Journal](#)  
[Nouvelles du monde](#)  
[Itv](#)  
[Daily mail](#)  
[Chronicle Live](#)  
[Securing Industry](#)

## Beef fraud in the United Kingdom

The authorities discovered a major fraud in the meat sector. Beef from South America and Europe labeled as the best British beef was sold by a supermarket chain.

[BBC](#)

[The Guardian](#)

[Fwi](#)

[Daily Mail](#)

[The Sun](#)

[Dunmow Broadcast](#)

[The Courier](#)

[Belfast Telegraph](#)

[The Impartial reporter](#)

[Press and Journal](#)

[York Press](#)

[South Wales Argus](#)

[Irish Farmer Journal](#)

[Your local guardian](#)

[News&Star](#)

[Oxford Mail](#)

[Glasgow Times](#)

[The standard](#)

[Great Yarmouth Mercury](#)

[Eastern Daily Press](#)

[Evening Standard](#)

[KentOnline](#)

[East Anglian Daily times](#)

[Daily Echo](#)

[HertsAd](#)

[Independent](#)

[Express](#)

[Agriland](#)

[iNews](#)

[FarmersWeekly](#)

[Wales Online](#)

[Hull Daily Mail](#)

[DevonLive](#)

[Somerset Live](#)

[Oxford Mail](#)

[York Press](#)

[Mirror](#)

[Your local guardian](#)

[The Northern Echo](#)

[Farming UK](#)

[The Argus](#)

[Andover Advertiser](#)

[Salisbury Journal](#)

[Glasgow Times](#)

[Telegraph & Argus](#)

[CornWall Live](#)

[Evening Standard](#)

[Just food](#)



[South Wales Argus](#)

[The Sun](#)

[EuroWeekly News](#)

[Mirror](#)

[Impartial reporter](#)

[Farmers Journal](#)

[Hertford Shire Mercury](#)

[Nottingham Post](#)

[Food Manufacture](#)

[The Sun](#)

[News&Star](#)

[BBC News](#)

### **Horse meat sold as beef in Colombia**

Almost 1 ton of horse meat, (total value of almost 1 000 Euros) slaughtered illegally and ready to be sold as beef, was seized by the authorities.

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### **Smuggled pork in the United Kingdom**

1 ton of smuggled pork was seized by the authorities.

[Eadt](#)

### **Meat products without labels or expired in Italy**

The authorities seized 9 tons of meat products without any labels and (in some cases) expired.

[Ansa](#)

[News Novara](#)

[Novara Today](#)

[L'Adige](#)

[Espansione TV](#)

[Giornale di Brescia](#)

[Notizie Tiscali](#)

[Zoom24](#)

[VareseNoi](#)

[Euronews](#)

[Informazione online](#)

### **Smuggled frozen pork in Thailand**

The authorities seized 30 tons of smuggled frozen pork from Brazil (total value of 162 000 Euros).

[Bangkok post](#)

### **Beef lacking documentation in Paraguay**

Between 25 and 35 tons of beef without any documentation were seized by the authorities.

[La Nacion](#)

[Ultima Hora](#)

### **Cat grey market in Vietnam**

The authorities seized 480 live cats and 4 tons of frozen cat carcasses illegally butchered in an unapproved facility.

[Vietnam News](#)

[Vietnamnet](#)

### **Contraband meat and dairy products in Italy**

In 2022 the Ancona International Airport authorities seized 1.57 tons of contraband meat and dairy products and 266 liters of contraband alcoholic beverages.

[Agenparl](#)

[Corriere Adriatico](#)

[Cronache Ancona](#)

[Ancona Today](#)

### **Frozen beef with the wrong traceability records**

The authorities seized 6 tons of frozen beef with poor traceability records or double labeling.

[Food Safety News](#)

### **Replacement food fraud case in Paraguay**

The authorities seized 6 tons of horse meat sold as beef.

[Ultima Hora](#)

[Megacadena](#)

### **Contraband pork in Cambodia**

7 tons of contraband frozen pork were seized by the authorities.

[Khmer Times](#)

### **Illegally packing meat factory in India**

The authorities sealed a factory illegally packing meat and seized 6 tons of meat and other material.

[Hindustan Times](#)

### **Meat products lacking traceability documents in Italy**

The authorities seized in total 2 tons of meat products without traceability documentation.

[Roma Today](#)

[Repubblica](#)

[Giornale L'ora](#)

[Sicilia Oggi Notizie](#)

[Blog Sicilia](#)

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### **Contraband frozen meat in Hong Kong**

The authorities seized 23 tons of contraband frozen meat (total value of 360 000 Euros) including beef, offal, and pork knuckles.

[Scmp](#)

### **Contraband pork in Thailand**

1.1 tons of contraband pork were seized by the authorities. The total value was 3800 euros.

[Khmer Times](#)