

Composite food

FACT SHEET

2023



Legislation

Lidski kvas (Belarusian fermented beverage) not PGI register

[EU Official Journal L 201 of 11 August 2023, p. 7](#)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/1628 of 10 August 2023 rejecting an application for protection of a protected geographical indication under Article 52(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1151/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council ('Лидский квас/Lidski kvas' (PGI)).

Fraud

Adulteration of drinks in Pakistan

The authorities seized 18.800 litres of spurious drinks adulterated with hazardous chemicals, loose non-food grade colours, artificial sweeteners, unclean tap water, and other harmful ingredients.

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Grey market in Greece

The authorities seized 21.6 tons of contraband ethyl alcohol (96.3%), utilised to adulterate beverages.

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Mislabelling of bakery products in Italy

The authorities seized several tons of bakery products already expired but relabelled with new expiry dates (total value of 1 million Euros).

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Adulterated Beverages in Pakistan

The authorities uncovered a fake beverages manufacturing unit producing carbonated drinks with labels from famous brands by using hazardous chemicals, loose non-food grade colours, artificial sweeteners, unclean tap water, and other harmful ingredients.

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The authorities seized 20.000 litres of beverages with counterfeit labels from national brands. The beverages did not even meet the national standards.

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Counterfeit labels on drinks in Mexico

The authorities uncovered two illegal establishments producing carbonated drinks with counterfeit labels from a famous brand.

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Fake labels on drinks in Pakistan

The authorities seized 2.000 liters of carbonated drinks with counterfeit labels.

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Adulterated beverages in Brazil

The authorities seized 200.000 liters of adulterated beverages (20.6 tons of concentrated juice, nectars, 64.000 liters of balsamic vinegar, 4.550 liters of sugarcane spirit, 2.700 liters of wine, brandy, cachaça and 65.000 liters of coconut water). Irregularities included:

- Addition of unauthorized cane sugar above the permitted amount;
- Dilution of drinks with excess water;
- Use of dyes and sweeteners to mask the product to consumers;
- Irregular advertising;
- Transportation of beverages in inappropriate and irregular conditions;
- Inadequate production conditions.

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Adulterated apple cider with methanol in Russia

At least 30 people died after consuming illegal apple cider adulterated with methanol. As a consequence, authorities seized 71.400 liters of the illegal cider

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Expired powdered milk seized in Kenya

The authorities seized 37.775 tons of expired powdered milk (unfit for human consumption) ready to be relabelled with new expiry dates (total value of 510.000 Euros).

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Counterfeit products in Pakistan

The authorities seized 7.900 soft drinks with counterfeit labels of famous brands.

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In another operation, the authorities seized 9 655 liters of fake carbonated drinks produced with hazardous chemicals, loose non-food grade colors, artificial sweeteners, unclean tap water, and other harmful ingredients. The labels were also counterfeit to resemble those of famous brands.

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Adulterated tahini in Egypt

The Egyptian authorities closed down an unlicensed factory producing tahini from harmful materials such as e.g. ceramic powder and peanut husks.

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Mislabeled case in China

Authorities from Hong Kong seized 9 745 packages of bagged seaweed roll rice crackers from China. They were mislabelled as being from Japan (total value of 11.260 Euros).

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Adulterated beverages in Pakistan

2.043 liters of beverages adulterated with unclean water and artificial flavors were seized by the authorities. The products were also carrying fake labels.

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Another operation talks about the authorities seizing 6.750 liters of fake carbonated drinks prepared with loose colors, unsafe chemicals and polluted water.

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Grey market in Pakistan

The authorities seized 8.1 tons of expired honey ready to be smuggled and sold in the markets.

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Illegal factory found in Pakistan

The authorities closed an illegal factory producing carbonated drinks with fake labels from popular brands. Drinks were produced with unauthorized and unsafe chemicals.

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Campaign to analyze adulteration in honey in Brazil

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (Mapa) carried out a campaign to analyze adulteration in honey samples collected in retail stores. 14% of 99 samples presented adulteration by C-4 sugars, and 31.5% of 109 samples were non-compliant for levels of hydroxymethylfurfural and amylase.

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Honey assessment in Europe

In 2021, the European Commission organized the EU coordinated action called 'From the Hives' to assess the prevalence on the market of imported honey adulterated with sugars. Almost half (46%) of the 320 samples were suspicious of not complying with the provisions of the 'Honey Directive'.

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Adulterated honey in Brazil

In the operation 'Dextrin', the authorities closed a company adulterating bee honey with glucose, dextrin and other chemical products.

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Sweets without traceability documents in Italy

2.5 tons of sweets without traceability documentation were seized (a total value of 30.000 Euros).

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Traceability documents missing for ice cream

In operation "Estate Tranquilla" (Calm Summer), the authorities seized 5 tons of ice creams without traceability documentation (total value of 40.000 euros).

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