

General FACT SHEET 2023



Legislation

Dietary enzyme triacylglycerolipase approved by EFSA

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(8\):8099](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme triacylglycerol lipase from the non-genetically modified *Rhizopus arrhizus* strain AE-TL(B).

Nutritional enzyme triacylglycerol lipase approved by EFSA

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(8\):8099](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme triacylglycerol lipase from the non-genetically modified *Rhizopus arrhizus* strain AE-TL(B).

Subtilisin not safe because of antimicrobial agent (bacitracin)

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(8\):8155](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme subtilisin from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus paralicheniformis* strain DP-Dzx96.

Not enough information yet to establish safety α -amylase

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(8\):8155](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme subtilisin from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus paralicheniformis* strain DP-Dzx96.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(7\):8157](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme α -amylase from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* strain BA.

Product specification Ogulinski kiseli kupus (Croatian sauerkraut) amended

[EU Official Journal L 195 of 3 August 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1588 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 ('Ogulinski kiseli kupus/Ogulinsko kiselo zelje' (PDO))

Acceptable Daily Intake of 5 mg/kg for indigo carmine (dye E132)

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(7\):8103](#)

Follow-up of the re-evaluation of indigo carmine (E132) as a food additive.

Nutritional enzyme ribonuclease P approved

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(7\):8153](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme ribonuclease P from the non-genetically modified *Penicillium citrinum* strain AE-RP-4.

Amendments to MRLs of bromopropylate, chloridazon, fenpropimorph, imazaquin and tralkoxydim (pesticides)

[EU Official Journal L 93 of 31 March 2023, p. 57](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/710 of 30 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 bromopropylate, chloridazon, fenpropimorph, imazaquin and tralkoxydim in or on certain products.

1,4- α -glucosidase, α -amylase, asparaginase and lysozyme (food enzymes) found to be safe

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7911](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucan 1,4- α -glucosidase from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain NZYM-BO.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7912](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme α -amylase from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus oryzae* strain NZYM-NA.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(4\):7914](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme asparaginase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus oryzae* strain NZYM-OA.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(4\):7918](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme lysozyme from hens' eggs.

Three food enzymes Triacylglycerol lipase, AMP deaminase and Lysozyme assessed; Lysozyme considered safe

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7907](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme triacylglycerol lipase from the non-genetically modified *Burkholderia stagnalis* strain PL266-QLM.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7915](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme AMP deaminase from the non-genetically modified *Streptomyces murinus* strain AE-DNTS.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7916](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme lysozyme from hens eggs.

Causal relationship between Limicol and reduction of cholesterol® levels

[Official Journal EU L 81 of 21 March 2023, p. 8](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/648 of 20 March 2023 authorising a health claim made on foods referring to the reduction of disease risk.

Draft scientific advice mineral oils fluffed

[EFSA news of 15 March 2023](#)

Mineral oil hydrocarbons in food – have your say on the draft!

Asparaginase and phytase (two food enzymes) rated safe

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7908](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme asparaginase from the genetically modified *Bacillus subtilis* strain NZYM-CK.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7909](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme phytase from *Cynara cardunculus* L.

Update consumer legislation to strengthen green transition

[European Commission news release of 22 March 2023 \(pdf\)](#)

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on substantiation and communication of explicit environmental claims (Green Claims Directive) COM(2023) 166 final 2023/0085 (COD).

Maximum level for arsenic in salt

[Official Journal EU L 68 of 6 March 2023, p. 51](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/465 of 3 March 2023 amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of arsenic in certain foods.

Threshold of action for nitrofurans and their metabolites

[Official Journal EU L 59 of 24 February 2023, p. 8](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/411 of 23 February 2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1871 as regards the application of action thresholds for nitrofurans and their metabolites.

Grayanotoxins in honey are of concern

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(3\):7866](#)

Risks for human health related to the presence of grayanotoxins in certain honey.

Recommendations for sustainable food issued

[Official Journal EU C 75 of 28 February 2023, p. 97](#)

European Economic and Social Committee opinion Towards a sustainable food labelling scheme to enable consumers to make sustainable food choices (own-initiative opinion), EESC 2022/00878.

[Official Journal EU C 75 of 28 February 2023, p. 88](#)

Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on Towards a sustainable strategy for vegetable proteins and vegetable oils for the EU (own-initiative opinion), EESC 2022/01100.

Extension of official controls on products from third countries

[Official Journal EU L 25 of 27 January 2023, p. 36](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/174 of 26 January 2023 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase in official controls and emergency measures with regard 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.

Extraction solvent 2-methyloxolane authorised

[Official Journal EU L 25 of 27 January 2023, p. 67](#)

Commission Directive (EU) 2023/175 of 26 January 2023 amending Directive 2009/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to 2-methyloxolane.

Food enzyme phospholipase from genetically modified bacterium *Streptomyces violaceoruber* found safe

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(2\):7458](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme phospholipase A2 from the genetically modified *Streptomyces violaceoruber* strain AS-10.

Food enzyme d-tagatose 3-epimerase derived from genetically modified bacterium *Escherichia coli* PS-Sav-001 found safe

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(2\):7752](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme d-tagatose 3-epimerase from the genetically modified *Escherichia coli* strain PS-Sav-001.

Corrigendum in Regulation (EU) 2021/2117 from non-alcoholic to dealcoholised

[Official Journal EU L 56 of 23 February 2023, p. 32](#)

Corrigendum to Regulation (EU) 2021/2117 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 amending Regulations (EU) No 1308/2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products, (EU) No 1151/2012 on quality schemes for agricultural products and foodstuffs, (EU) No 251/2014 on the definition, description, presentation, labelling and the protection of geographical indications of flavoured wine products and (EU) No 228/2013 laying down specific measures for agriculture in the outermost regions of the Union (Official Journal of the European Union L 435 of 6 December 2021).

Reference methods for the analysis of spirit drinks established

[Official Journal EU L 53 of 21 February 2023, p. 3](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/383 of 16 February 2023 amending Regulation (EC) No 2870/2000 laying down Community reference methods for the analysis of spirit drinks and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2009/92 laying down Community methods for the analysis of ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin used in the manufacture of spirit drinks, aromatised wines, aromatised wine-based drinks and aromatised wine-product cocktails.

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme cyclomaltodextrin glucoamylase from the non-genetically modified *Anoxybacillus caldiproteolyticus* strain TCM3-539

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(2\):7843](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme catalase from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain CTS 2093

Enzymes α -amylase, β -fructofuranosidase, cyclomaltodextrin glucoamylase, 1,4- α -glucan, endo-1,3(4)- β -glucanase and catalase found safe

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(2\):7468](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme α -amylase from the genetically modified *Bacillus subtilis* strain AR-651

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(2\):7828](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme endo-1,3(4)- β -glucanase from the non-genetically modified *Cellulosimicrobium funkei* strain AE-TN

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(2\):7833](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme β -fructofuranosidase from the non-genetically modified *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* strain INV

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(2\):7834](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme 1,4- α -glucan branching enzyme from the non-genetically modified *Geobacillus thermodenitrificans* strain TRBE14

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(2\):7842](#)

Vitamin D2 mushroom powder and cricket powder approved as novel food

[Official Journal EU L 2 of 4 January 2023, p. 3](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/4 of 3 January 2023 authorising the placing on the market of mushroom powder containing vitamin D2 as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.

[Official Journal EU L 2 of 4 January 2023, p. 9](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/5 of 3 January 2023 authorising the placing on the market of partially defatted powder obtained from *Acheta domesticus* as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470.

Union list of novel foods has been improved

[Official Journal EU L 6 of 9 January 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/65 of 6 January 2023 correcting Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470 establishing the Union list of novel foods, Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1648 authorising the placing on the market of xylo-oligosaccharides as novel foods, Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1686 authorising an extension of the use of basic whey protein isolate from bovine milk as new food, and Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/96 authorising the placing on the market of 3'-sialyllactose sodium salt as a novel food.

3'-SL sodium salt found safe as a novel food

[Official Journal EU L 15 of 17 January 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/113 of 16 January 2023 authorising the placing on the market of 3'-sialyllactose sodium salt produced from derived strains of Escherichia coli BL21(DE3) as a novel food and amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2470

Glucan 1,4- α -glucosidase and triacylglycerol lipase (enzymes) found safe

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(1\):7753](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucan 1,4- α -glucosidase from the non-genetically modified Rhizopus arrhizus strain AE-G.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(1\):7756](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme triacylglycerol lipase from the non-genetically modified Rhizopus arrhizus strain AE-N.

Upper limit for selenium does not need to be adjusted yet

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(1\):7704](#)

Scientific opinion on the tolerable upper intake level for selenium.

Triacylglycerol lipase, endo-1,3(4)- β -glucanase and β -galactosidase (food enzymes) approved for use in various manufacturing processes

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(1\):7754](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme triacylglycerol lipase from the non-genetically modified Aspergillus luchuensis strain AE-L. EFSA Journal 2023;21(1):7751 Safety evaluation of the food enzyme endo-1,3(4)- β -glucanase from the non-genetically modified Rasamsonia composticola strain 427-FS. EFSA Journal 2023;21(1):7750 Safety evaluation of the food enzyme β -galactosidase from the non-genetically modified Kluyveromyces lactis strain GD-YNL.

Acceptable daily intake reductions for bisphenol A (BPA) in foods

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(4\):6857](#)

Re-evaluation of the risks to public health related to the presence of bisphenol A (BPA) in foodstuffs.

Grebbestadostron (Swedish oyster) and Nueces de Nerpio (Spanish walnut) entered in the PDO register

[EU Official Journal L 134 of 22 May 2023, p. 25](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/978 of 12 May 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Grebbestadostron'(PDO)).

[EU Official Journal L 134 of 22 May 2023, p. 27](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/979 of 15 May 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Nueces de Nerpio'(PDO)).

EFSA examined MRLs of dithiocarbamates

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(5\):7987](#)

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

Haricot de Soissons (French white bean) and Nordhessische Ahle Wurst (German sausage) entered in PGI register

[EU Official Journal L 143 of 2 June 2023, p. 5](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1064 of 26 May 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Haricot de Soissons' (PGI)).

[EU Official Journal L 148 of 8 June 2023, p. 44](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1121 of 1 June 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Nordhessische Ahle Wurst/Nordhessische Ahle Worscht' (PGI)).

MRLs of various products amended

[EU Official Journal L 143 of 2 June 2023, p. 27](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1068 of 1 June 2023 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for cyantraniliprole in or on certain products.

[EU Official Journal L 143 of 2 June 2023, p. 40](#)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1069 of 1 June 2023 amending Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for bixafen, cyprodinil, fenhexamid, fenpicoxamid, fenpyroximate, flutianil, isoxaflutole, mandipropamid, methoxyfenozide and spinetoram in or on certain products.

Product files Moutarde de Bourgogne (French mustard) and Pesca e Nettarina di Romagna (Italian peaches and nectarines) amended in PGI register

[EU Official Journal L 149 of 9 June 2023, p. 45](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1130 of 2 June 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 ('Moutarde de Bourgogne' (PGI)).

[EU Official Journal L 153 of 14 June 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1158 of 7 June 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 'Pesca e Nettarina di Romagna' (PGI).

Amendment to specification Pimentón de Murcia (Spanish spice) and registration Çağlayancerit Cevizi (Turkish walnut)

[EU Official Journal L 152 of 13 June 2023, p. 3](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1150 of 6 June 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 ('Pimentón de Murcia' (PDO)).

[EU Official Journal L 152 of 13 June 2023, p. 4](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1151 of 6 June 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Çağlayancerit Cevizi' (PDO)).

MRLs for azocyclotin and cyhexatin possibly down

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(6\):8038](#)

Targeted review of maximum residue levels (MRLs) for azocyclotin and cyhexatin.

Safety assessment three food enzymes; one enzyme not safe

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(6\):7910](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme subtilisin from the non-genetically modified *Bacillus paralicheniformis* strain LMG S-30155.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(6\):8096](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme endo-polygalacturonase from the genetically modified *Trichoderma reesei* strain RF6197.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(6\):8097](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme pectinesterase from the genetically modified *Trichoderma reesei* strain RF6201.

Five food enzymes rated as safe

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(6\):8084](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme rennet containing chymosin and pepsin A from the abomasum of calves and cows.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(7\):8089](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme glucan-1,4- α -maltohydrolase from the genetically modified *Bacillus subtilis* strain AR-453.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(6\):8090](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme α -amylase from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain AS 29-286.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(7\):8095](#)

Safety evaluation of the food enzyme peroxidase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain MOX.

[EFSA Journal 2023;21\(6\):8101](#)

Updated safety evaluation of the food enzyme α -amylase from the non-genetically modified *Cellulosimicrobium funkei* strain AE-AMT.

Amendments to product specifications Italian cheese and olive oil and registration Croatian mussel

[Official Journal EU L 160 of 26 June 2023, p.7](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1222 of 19 June 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 'Strachituntz' (PDO).

[EU Official Journal L 160 of 26 June 2023, p. 10](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1224 of 19 June 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 ('Riviera Ligure' (PDO)).

[Official Journal EU L 162 of 28 June 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1308 of 21 June 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Novigradska dagnja' (PDO)).

Two breads entered in PGI register and specification for Italian carrots amended

[EU Official Journal L 160 of 26 June 2023, p. 5](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1220 of 16 June 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Lesachtaler Brot' (PGI))

[EU Official Journal L 160 of 26 June 2023, p. 6](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1221 of 19 June 2023 entering a name in the

Register of Protected Designations of Origin and Protected Geographical Indications 'Pită de Pecica' (PGI)

[EU Official Journal L 160 of 26 June 2023, p. 8](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1223 of 19 June 2023 approving a non-minor amendment to the specification for the protected geographical indication ('Carota dell'Altopiano del Fucino' (PGI))

Amendments to product specifications Hungarian and Italian wine and Spanish olive oil

[EU Official Journal L 166 of 30 June 2023, p. 60](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1326 of 23 June 2023 approving an amendment to the specification for a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication ('Balaton/Balaton' (PDO)).

[Official Journal EU L 171 of 6 July 2023, p. 1](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1412 of 29 June 2023 approving an amendment to the specification for a protected designation of origin or a protected geographical indication ('Colli Asolani - Prosecco/Asolo - Prosecco' (PDO)).

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

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1415 of 29 June 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 ('Aceite de Terra Alta/Oli de Terra Alta' (PDO)).

EFSA develops method to quantify allergens

[EFSA Supporting publication 2023:EN-8059](#)

Report on EFSA project GP/EFSA/AFSCO/2017/03 'Detection and Quantification of Allergens in Foods and Minimum Eliciting Doses in Food-Allergic Individuals' (ThRAII).

Haricot de Soissons (French white bean) and Nordhessische Ahle Wurst (German sausage) entered in PGI register

[EU Official Journal L 143 of 2 June 2023, p. 5](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1064 of 26 May 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Haricot de Soissons' (PGI)).

[EU Official Journal L 148 of 8 June 2023, p. 44](#)

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1121 of 1 June 2023 entering a name in the register of protected designations of origin and protected geographical indications ('Nordhessische Ahle Wurst/Nordhessische Ahle Wurst' (PGI)).

Fraud

Tampered food products in the United Kingdom

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) performed targeted surveillance sampling of food across the country:

- 20% out of 300 mince and processed meat products contained meat species not written on the label (although no horsemeat was detected);
- 8 out of 101 lamb products contained beef;
- 4 out of 375 herbs and spices samples had missing ingredients or were substituted with others;

- 3 out of 40 samples of basmati rice contained other rice varieties (from 9 to 29% of the total volume);
- 6 out of 39 dark chocolate samples contained milk proteins.

[FSA](#)

[Food Safety News](#)

Document forgery in Spain

The authorities seized 28 tons of food (meat products, frozen fish and other items) not suitable for human consumption. Shelf life dates were manipulated and irregularities in traceability were identified.

[Food Safety News](#)

Grey market in Cambodia

The authorities destroyed 8.8 tons of beef and seafood (crabs, shrimps and squids) without proper declarations or quality certifications; in some cases the products were not suitable for human consumption.

[Khmer Times](#)

Mislabelling of food products in Spain

The authorities closed a company and seized 34 tons of food with manipulated expiry dates and/or not suitable for human consumption.

[Sevilla](#)

[La Vanguardia](#)

[The leader](#)

[Euro Weekly News](#)

Grey market in Cambodia

The authorities seized 14 tons of meat and fish without legal labels or valid import documentation.

[Khmer Times](#)

Grey market in Bolivia

The authorities seized 54 tons of flour, 28 tons of rice and 24 tons of oil without sanitary certifications.

[Los Tiempos](#)

Adulterated food products in Spain

The authorities seized 28 tons of food unfit for human consumption, arresting four persons.

[Euro Weekly News](#)

[Huffington Post](#)

[La Opinion de Malaga](#)

[La Opinion de Zamora](#)

[el Periodico Extremadura](#)

[el Periodico](#)

[el Dia](#)

[La Opinion de Murcia](#)

[Faro de Vigo](#)

[La Opinion Coruna](#)

[La Provincia](#)

[Diario de Ibiza](#)

[Diario de Mallorca](#)

[Diario Cordoba](#)

Grey market in Brazil

The authorities seized 800 kg of contraband cheese and 1.5 tons of contraband meat, both from Argentina.

[TN Online](#)
[Bemparana](#)

Mislabelled food products in the UK

A recent investigation analysed 61 food products labelled as "vegan": 24 (39%) contained traces of eggs or dairy, and 55 (90%) had labelling inaccuracies related to dairy traces, nutritional details, or allergen warnings.

[The Guardian](#)
[Affidia Journal](#)
[Metro](#)

Grey market in Chile

The authorities seized 100.000 contraband chicken eggs and 10 tons of contraband fruits and vegetables from Bolivia.

[Noticias](#)

Contraband oil and flour in Bolivia

The authorities seized 13 tons of contraband oil and 33 tons of contraband flour.

[Abi](#)
[el Diario](#)

Mislabelling case in Luxembourg

The authorities seized 1.6 tons of halal meat and dairy products not respecting the traceability or labeling legislations.

[L'essentiel](#)
[Wort](#)
[Lux Times](#)

Food without traceability documents in Italy

The authorities seized 3.2 tons of food without traceability documentation.

[Il Roma](#)

Grey market in Bolivia

The National Customs (AN) seized more than 35 tons of contraband flour, oil, mayonnaise, dried plums and corn starch from Argentina (total value of 21 400 Euros).

[Abi](#)
[el Pais](#)

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.

[Gov.br](#)

[Cultura](#)

[Revista Negocio Rural](#)

Grey market in Italy

The authorities seized 25 tons of meat products and seafood illegally imported and 4 tons of fruits and vegetables (total value of 50 000 Euros) without traceability documentation.

[Salute.gov](#)

[Catania Today](#)

[Tuscia Web](#)

[QdS](#)

Adulterated products seized in Brazil

The authorities seized:

- 7.8 tons of beans and 14.5 tons of rice adulterated with soy and mislabelled as products of higher quality

- almost 8 950 liters of olive oil with irregularities on the labels and without traceability documentation

- 1.05 tons of coffee adulterated with impurities and unsafe material

[G1 Globo](#)

[Exame](#)

Grey market in Cambodia

10 tons of poor-quality meat and 36 000 chicken eggs smuggled from neighboring countries were seized by the authorities.

[Khmer Times](#)

Expired frozen products sold in Lithuania

National authorities, supported by Europol and Eurojust, uncovered a criminal organization importing and selling expired frozen meat, poultry, and fish. The expiry dates were falsified.

[Eurojust](#)

[Security Industry](#)

[Occrp](#)

Grey market in Bolivia

The National Customs seized 20 tons of contraband flour, alcoholic beverages and powdered milk from Argentina (total value of 20 847 Euros).

[Abi](#)

[Eju](#)

Illegal products seized in Singapore

6.8 tons of food products illegally imported from Thailand and Myanmar, such as beef, pork, chicken, mutton, pig's blood, and silkworms, were seized by the authorities.

[Sfa.gov](#)

[The Straits Times](#)

[Cna](#)

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.

[Food Safety News](#)

Illegal warehouse producing ghee and oils in Pakistan

The authorities seized 87.7 tons of ghee and vegetable oils from an illegal warehouse.

[Urdu Point](#)

Counterfeit products in Pakistan

The authorities discovered a factory producing dry milk and food cereals for kids counterfeiting the labels from famous brands. The authorities also seized 1 ton of dry milk and 500 kg of tea leaves.

[Urdu Point](#)

Onion smuggling on the rise

Given the soaring prices of onions, smugglers started to target them to compensate for their lack on the market.

[The Guardian](#)

[Agi](#)

[Breitbart](#)

[L'eco del Sud](#)

[Stern](#)

WHO publication on food systems

The World Health Organization has published the Technical Brief "Transforming food systems to reduce global inequality and improve food safety and health". Unsafe and adulterated foods are highlighted as serious issues to be tackled.

[WHO](#)

[Food Safety News](#)

Nigerian actions against smuggling

In 2022, the Nigerian authorities seized 4 655 tons of contraband rice.

[Opinion Nigeria](#)

Food smuggling on Russian borders

As a consequence of the Western sanctions, food smuggling has increased between Poland and the Kaliningrad Oblast.

[Euractiv](#)

[Lrt](#)

Grey market in Italy

2 tons of food (meat, dairy products, and vegetables) without traceability documentation and without respecting the minimal hygiene requirements were seized by the authorities. The total value was 20 000 Euros.

[Ansa](#)

[Il Gazzettino](#)

[Padova Oggi](#)

[Il Metropolitano](#)

[il Tabloid](#)

[Oggi Treviso](#)