

FOOD FRAUD INCIDENT REPORT JULY 2022 | Food categories & related products



WHERE IN THE WORLD



- 1 North America
- 2 South America
- 3 Africa
- 4 Europe
- 5 Asia
- 6 Australia & Oceania



FRAUD CATEGORIES & TYPES



Adulteration:
Product tampering by dilution, substitution, unapproved enhancement and/or concealment.



Mislabelling:
Product misrepresentation by false claims or distorted information on product label.



Counterfeiting:
Fake copies of popular brands and intellectual property infringements.



Grey market:
Illegal trade including smuggling, diversion, theft and contraband products.



Document forgery:
Falsified or fraudulent documentation.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- 1 **Mexico:**
 - Adulterated bulk liquor and illegal bottles
- 2 **Bolivia:**
 - Contraband bottles and cans of beer
- Columbia:**
 - Contraband alcoholic beverages and beers; adulterated and contraband liquor
- 3 **South Africa:**
 - Adulterated alcohol (containing methanol), resulting in several deaths
- 4 **Italy:**
 - Counterfeit bottles of famous brands of wine and spirit
- Ukraine:**
 - Alcohol intended for illegal smuggling from Ukraine to Moldova
- 5 **Bangladesh:**
 - Contraband liquor
- India:**
 - Fake liquor factory; bottles with counterfeit labels from popular liquor brands
- India:**
 - Illegal liquor bottles intended for transport and sale
- India:**
 - Illegal and adulterated alcohol (containing estimated 98% methanol); large number of people died



MEAT & POULTRY

- 3 **Uganda:**
 - Animal feed adulterated; chickens and pigs are fed with anti-retroviral drugs to accelerate their growth
- 5 **India:**
 - Trade of banned meat (beef)
- Hong Kong:**
 - Frozen meat smuggled into China mainland
- Vietnam:**
 - Contraband pork smuggled into Laos



FISH & SEAFOOD

- 2 **French Guiana:**
 - Illegal fishing and contraband fish
- 4 **Italy:**
 - Red tuna and other seafood lacking the required traceability documentation and tuna hidden from the official fishing registry; multiple operations involved



JUICES & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- 5 **Pakistan:**
 - Beverages adulterated with expired chemicals
- Pakistan:**
 - Factory produced fake carbonated drinks of different popular brands; adulterants found included artificial sweeteners, chemicals, colourants and contaminated water



FATS & OILS

- 5 **China:**
 - Quality of extra-virgin olive oil imported into China evaluated; estimated 72% of oils failed to meet official standards due to oxidation and adulteration with refined oil, and potential mislabelling of geographical origin
- India:**
 - Ghee and vegetable oil involved in suspected counterfeiting operation



CEREALS & GRAINS

- 2 **Bolivia:**
 - Contraband flour, corn and soy; corn and soybeans that did not have the corresponding sanitary records
- Paraguay:**
 - Contraband flour
- Argentina:**
 - Contraband soybeans and corn intended for illegal export
- Brazil:**
 - Soybeans and soybean meal adulterated with sand
- 5 **Pakistan:**
 - Contraband wheat and flour intended for smuggling
- India:**
 - Rice smuggled that was meant for the Public Distribution System



HONEY

- 1 **USA:**
 - Honey-based products adulterated with tadalafil and sildenafil
- 2 **Brazil:**
 - Honey adulterated with sugar and other additives in unhygienic conditions



MILK & DAIRY

- 2 **Colombia:**
 - Ongoing investigation into four companies regarding alleged adulteration of whole milk with whey
- 4 **Italy:**
 - Ice cream lacking traceability documentation
- 5 **Pakistan:**
 - Milk adulterated with chemicals (e.g. detergents) and/or polluted water



FRUITS & VEGETABLES

- 2 **French Guiana:**
 - Contraband fruits and vegetables from illegal importing
- Paraguay:**
 - Contraband tomatoes



TEA

- 5 **Pakistan:**
 - Tea leaves adulterated with non-food grade colours