

Something is wrong here!

Adulterated wine, Moroccan olive oil with an Italian label or feta that turns out to be herder's cheese – adulterated food is illegal, can endanger lives and is therefore relevant for consumer health protection. The BfR has asked experts for an assessment.



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A trend?

77 % of experts expect food manipulation to increase in the future. Particularly affected: food supplements (74%), fish (70%) as well as fats and oils (66%).



Suspects?

In the experts' opinion, the manipulations are performed mainly in food processing (78%) – followed by food refining (70%) and gastronomy (66%).



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A danger to health?

The majority of experts (81%) see the greatest health risk in manipulated food supplements. Adulterations here are notably expected to be caused by erroneous content information (71%) and unauthorised ingredients (68%).

Underlying study:

Two-stage Delphi study with online survey of experts from Germany who focus on adulterated food. The values shown are based on the second survey round (131 respondents between February and April 2020).