



Ministerie van Economische Zaken



Food Fraud en Food Integrity in The Netherlands

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Food safety and integrity in The Netherlands

Regulation



Ministry of Health,
Welfare and Sports:

- Food
- Consumer



Ministry of Economic
Affairs

- Agriculture
- Slaughter houses
- Freeze houses



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Surveillance, Detection and Enforcement

Netherlands Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA)

- Surveillance and enforcement (administrative & criminal law)
- NVWA-IOD: intelligence and investigation (criminal law)

Important: For food-, feed- and animal related issues all these activities are in one organisation: NVWA (and NVWA-IOD).

The NVWA-IOD is working together with the Public Prosecutor in food-, feed- or animal related issues.



Our investigations: food and non-food



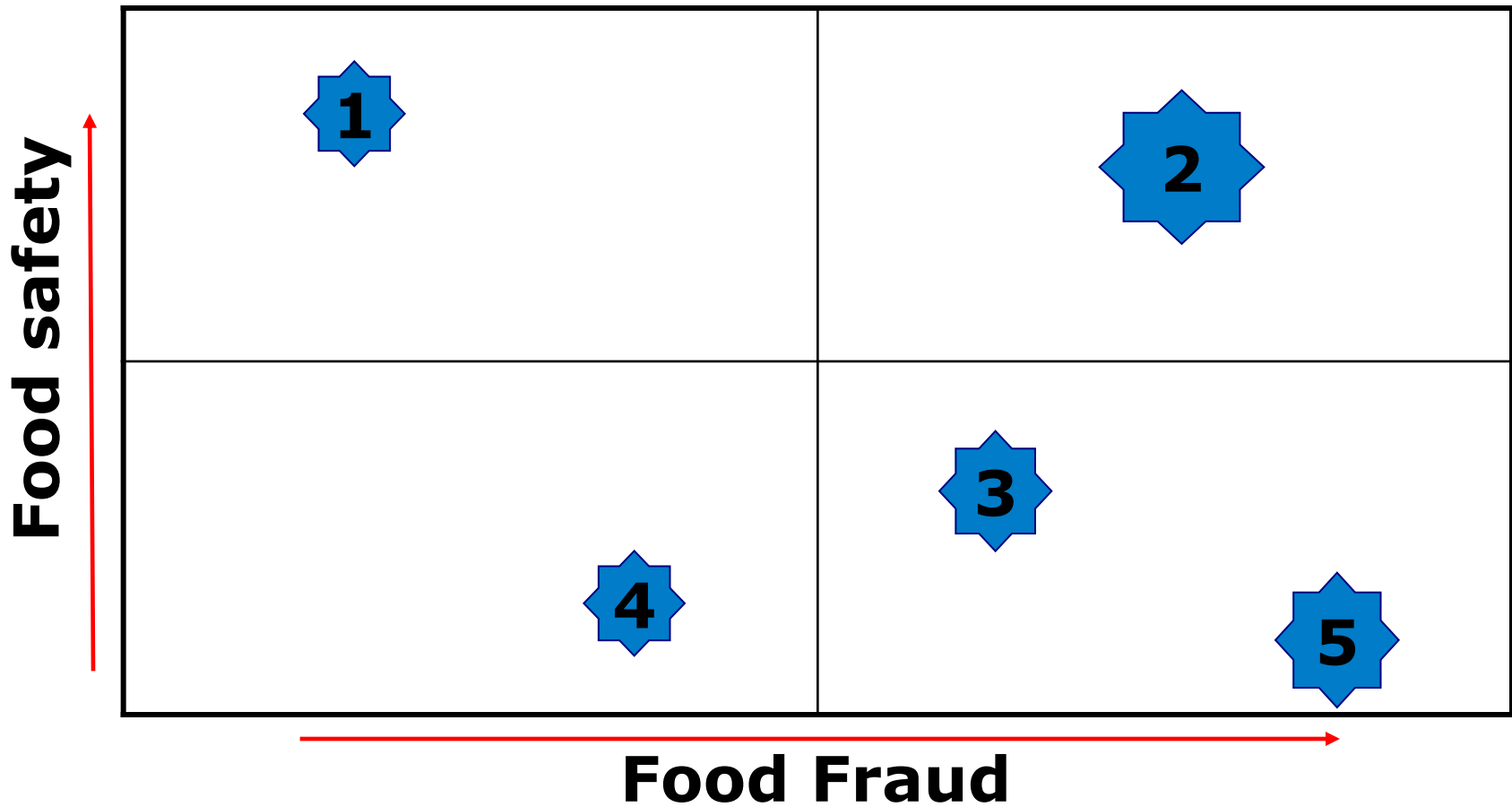
- **Horsegate** cases
- **Shellfish** recall/origin fraud
- Illegal import **Chinese pork in dim sum**
- Free range **egg** fraud
- (Perishable) **cheese**
- **Antibiotics** in **poultry**
- Illegal **slaughter**
- Fraud with **fish species**
- Counterfeit **pesticides**
- Illegal **growth hormones**

- **Illegal transport of manure**
- **Bone meal (BSE risk)**
- **Blood sample fraud (export certification fraud)**
- **Falsified certificates for fairground attractions**
- **Illegal dog trade (internet investigation)**
- **Fish quota fraud**





Food safety vs food fraud













GENERAL FOOD LAW

Article 17: “Food business operators at all stages of production, processing and distribution within the business under their control shall ensure that foods or feeds satisfy the requirements of food law which are relevant to their activities and shall verify that such requirements are met”



GENERAL FOOD LAW

Article 19: Food business operators are responsible for withdrawing food that is not in compliance with the food safety requirements, inform the consumers, inform the competent authorities and collaborate with these authorities