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Re: Safety of Imported Seafood from Vietnam

Dear Commissioner Hamburg,

We are writing to provide an update on additional developments with respect to imported seafood from Vietnam since our previous letter of October 5, 2011.

Our previous letter summarized voluminous public information documenting continuing food safety deficiencies associated with Vietnamese seafood produced for export including: (1) press reports from Vietnam-based news outlets detailing the intentional injection of “substances” into shrimp; (2) reports regarding the Japanese Government’s repeated detection of Trifluralin in Vietnamese shrimp imports; (3) the substantial overrepresentation of Vietnamese seafood imports in the FDA’s import refusals in 2011; and (4) recent violative findings regarding Vietnamese seafood imports into other jurisdictions.

A recent news story indicates that the Japan International Cooperation Agency has pledged \$3.8 million to help control drug-resistant bacteria in Vietnam.¹ The article explains:

Multi-drug-resistant bacteria has been a rising concern in Vietnam. Recent abuses of antibiotics in the medical and agro-fishery sector has increased the threat of multi-drug-resistant bacteria tolerant to various antibiotic substances.

Japan’s concerns are well-founded. According to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, of the 1,224 “cases” of violation of Japan’s Food Sanitation Law by imported food this

¹ Thanh Nien News, “Japan Funds Project to Control Drug-Resistant Bacteria” (Dec. 29, 2011), <http://www.thanhniennews.com/2010/pages/20111229-japan-funds-project-to-control-drug-resistant-bacteria.aspx>.

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year, **100** involved Vietnamese shrimp contaminated with harmful drug residues.² In other words, Vietnamese shrimp laced with antibiotics or herbicides comprised over **8 percent** of **all** of the cases of imported food rejected by the Japanese government in 2011.³

The problem has gotten considerably worse as the year wore on: over the last half of the year (July to December), Vietnamese shrimp contaminated by drug residues accounted for nearly **10 percent** of the “cases” of violative food imports detected by the Imported Foods Inspection Service (66 of 670). Since September, Vietnamese shrimp imports with banned drug residues comprised 47 of the 427 “cases” of violative food imports reported by the Japanese government (**11 percent**).

The Japanese government’s actions indicate that problems with Vietnamese shrimp aquaculture remain systemic and varied. The government reports continued detections of chloramphenicol, nitrofurans, fluoroquinolones, and trifuralin in Vietnamese shrimp imports in 2011.

Enrofloxacin has, of late, become a grave concern with the Japanese government reporting that 39 shipments of shrimp from Vietnam were contaminated with this banned fluoroquinolone in the last four months of 2011 (59 total for all of 2011). A recent Vietnam-based English language news website⁴ confirms that the Japanese government has made repeated findings of enrofloxacin in Vietnamese shrimp imports.

This report comes on the heels of a July 2011 story⁵ indicating that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) was considering a ban on Vietnamese catfish imports due to multiple findings of enrofloxacin contamination. As we observed in our October 5th letter, the CFIA’s Mandatory Inspection List (MIL) included fourteen (14) Vietnamese exporters for the discovery of

² Import notifications are available on a monthly basis in Excel format here: <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/importedfoods/index.html>. Attachment 1 summarizes the entries related to Vietnamese shrimp imports contaminated with harmful drug residues.

³ Shrimp imports from all countries accounted for 141 of Japan’s reported 1,224 cases of violative food imports in 2011 (11.5%); Vietnamese shrimp imports, inclusive of those imports found violative for reasons other than drug residues, accounted for 112 of Japan’s reported 1,224 cases of violative food imports in 2011 (9.2%).

⁴ Tuoi Tre News, “Shrimp Exporters Face Shut-down Due to Antibiotic Residue” (Jan. 7, 2012): <http://www.tuoitrenews.vn/cmlink/tuoitrenews/business/shrimp-exporters-face-shut-down-due-to-antibiotic-residue-1.57671>. We have appended the article as Attachment 2.

⁵ Bao Tuoi Tre English, “Canada Warns Vietnam About Antibiotic in Catfish,” (July 26, 2011): <http://en.baomoi.com/Info/Canada-warns-Vietnam-about-antibiotic-in-catfish/5/166233.epi>. We have appended the article as Attachment 3.

fluoroquinolones in 2011.⁶ Since the date of that letter, CFIA's MIL lists an additional six (6) Vietnamese seafood exporters for fluoroquinolone violations.⁷

The January 7th article quotes Tran Van Pham, CEO of the Vietnamese shrimp exporter Stapimex, reporting the company's shipments were held at ports in Japan and Canada while screening for enrofloxacin was conducted. Mr. Van Pham's comments do not appear to encompass ports in the United States. Indeed, an individual identified as the Deputy Head of the Vietnamese government's General Seafood Department, Phanm Anh Tuan, is quoted as erroneously stating that the United States only limits the level of enrofloxacin allowed in seafood rather than bans its presence outright. As you are aware, the FDA has not approved any fluoroquinolone, including enrofloxacin, for use in aquaculture⁸ and currently lists six (6) Vietnamese seafood exporters on Import Alert 16-124⁹ for enrofloxacin violations – although only one of these companies is listed for contamination of shrimp imports.

⁶ Those fourteen (14) were: Bentre Aquaproduct Import and Export Joint Stock Company (July 8, 2011); Cuu Long Fish Joint Stock Company (June 24, 2011 and July 25, 2011); Dong Thap Trading Corporation's Branch (DOCIFISH) (July 8, 2011 and Sep. 20, 2011); Hung Vuong – Vinh Long Co., Ltd. (Sep. 1, 2011); Mekong Delta Food Factory (CASEAMEX) (June 9, 2011); Nam Hai Company Limited (Feb. 25, 2011); Phuong Dong Seafood Ltd. (June 21, 2011); Phuong Nam Co. Ltd. (Jan. 27, 2011 and May 26, 2011); Quang Minh Seafood Co. Ltd. (June 7, 2011 and June 28, 2011); Tan Thanh Loi Frozen Food Co. Ltd. (Apr. 19, 2011); TG Fishery Holdings Corporation (Aug. 3, 2011); Thuan Thien Producing Trading Limited Company (Sep. 29, 2011); Tra Vinh Food-Stuffs and Agricultural Products Company (TAVIFACO) (Aug. 23, 2011 and Sep. 23, 2011); and Workshop II – Hung Vuong Corporation (Aug. 31, 2011).

⁷ The additional six (6) companies are: An Phu Seafood Corporation (ASEAFOOD) (Oct. 21 & 24, 2011); An Phuoc Fish Joint Stock Company (APFISH) (Oct. 17, 2011); Cadovimex II Freezing Factory No. 1 – Cadovimex II Seafood Import-Export and Processing Joint Stock Company (Dec. 29, 2011); Hoang Phuong Seafood Factory, Subsidiary of Ut Xi Aquatic Products Processing Corp. (Dec. 13, 2011); Hung Loi Manufacturing & Trading Co. Ltd. (Oct. 18, 2011); Lucky Shing Enterprise Co. (Nov. 9, 2011); and Thinh Hung Company (Nov. 9, 2011).

⁸ See List of Approved Drugs in Aquaculture," <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/Aquaculture/ucm132954.htm>.

⁹ These companies are: Afifex Seafood Industry (basa); Investment Commerce Fisheries Corporation (INCOMFISH) (vannamei shrimp); Nhanh Hoa Co., Ltd. (frozen eel, listed at two different addresses); Saigon Aquatic Products Trading Joint-Stock Company (mud fish); Tan Thanh Loi Frozen Food Co., Ltd. (basa); and Vinh Long Aqua Product Processing Factory (basa). See Import Alert 16-124, http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/cms_ia/importalert_27.html.

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In our October 5th letter, we noted that despite the fact that Vietnamese seafood exports to the United States accounted for 5.58% of the volume of edible seafood imported into the United States in 2010 (304.2 million pounds of 5.5 billion pounds of edible seafood imports) and 5.9% of the value of edible seafood imported into the United States in 2010 (\$867 million of \$14.8 billion), Vietnamese seafood imports accounted for 11.9% (234 of the 1,973) of the seafood entry lines refused entry by the FDA through September of 2011. Yet, when detections of contaminated shrimp imports escalated substantially in Japan, Vietnam's share of overall U.S. rejected seafood entry lines fell to 5.4% (41 of the 755 refused between October and December of 2011) and very few of these entries involved shrimp contaminated with antibiotics.

Further, as we also noted in our October 5th Letter, in prior communications with industry representatives and elected officials, the FDA has repeatedly provided assurances that the problem of harmful antibiotic use in Vietnamese aquaculture was being addressed and that substantial strides had been made in cleaning up the industry. Indeed, in figures released to us shortly after the October 5th Letter, SSA was informed that in fiscal year 2010, the FDA's sampling program detected no antibiotics in any of the Vietnamese shrimp tested. Given the reports that enrofloxacin continues to be a permitted additive to shrimp feed in Vietnam, a failure to detect any contamination in shrimp imports from the country is incredible.

According to ship manifest data, the majority of the exporters listed in Japan's refusals (summarized at Attachment 1) also shipped shrimp products to the U.S. market in 2011. Our October 5th letter requested information regarding any changes in approach adopted by the FDA to deal with the continued significant problem of intentional adulteration of shrimp and other seafood products exported from Vietnam to this market. As we have not yet received a response to that request, we renew that request here while emphasizing the seeming substantial discrepancies between the findings of the FDA and similar regulatory agencies in other major seafood importing markets. In light of developments in 2011, we are also writing to request information regarding the steps taken by the FDA, if any, in response to the consistent findings of enrofloxacin in Vietnamese seafood imports by Japanese and Canadian government regulatory agencies.

The information we have gathered, summarized above and in our earlier correspondence, would seem to indicate both that the agency's prior efforts to address the use of harmful drugs in Vietnamese aquaculture have failed and that, nevertheless, Vietnamese seafood imports have not been subjected to enhanced scrutiny despite repeated public confirmation of the use of harmful drugs in Vietnamese aquaculture.

Because we are a domestic industry organization, we appreciate that our comments are popularly discounted by importers as thinly-veiled appeals for protectionist measures. We repeat that while seafood from the Gulf of Mexico, including shrimp, has been subjected to rigorous testing to ensure the safety and wholesomeness of these products, we continue to see imported products in our marketplace that do not comply with our food safety laws and regulations and, in direct result, are available for sale at substantially lower prices. More importantly, the findings of the Japanese and Canadian governments regarding the continued presence of antibiotics in

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Vietnamese seafood exports cannot be discounted as protectionist measures. There is no domestic shrimp industry to protect in Japan, nor is there a domestic catfish industry to protect in Canada. The governments in these countries have taken aggressive action to protect their citizens from harm and a similar approach is obviously appropriate in this country.

Again, should you believe that our review of the available data has led to erroneous conclusions, we would be grateful for any clarification to assist in our understanding of FDA's oversight of imported seafood.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: Senator Tom Harkin, Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
Senator Michael B. Enzi, Ranking Minority Member, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
Senator Kay R. Hagan, Member, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
Senator Richard Burr, Member, Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
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ATTACHMENT 1

**Recent Cases of Violation of the Food Sanitation Law that were Found on the Occasion of Import Notification (Flash)
(2011)**

ITEM	EXPORTING COUNTRY	NAME OF MANUFACTURERS	SHIPPER	ARTICLE	CONTENTS OF VIOLATION	QUARANTIN STATION	NAME OF IMPORTERS	CAUSE OF VIOLATION	DISPOSAL OF THE CARGO	REMARKS
Frozen peeled shrimp(VANNAMEI)	Vietnam	VIETNAM RICH BEAUTY FOOD CO.,LTD.		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	kobe	HANWA CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN BLACK TIGER PRAWN NOBASHI	Vietnam	SOC TRANG SEAFOOD JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	kobe	SC FOODS CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen peeled shrimp: F.PD BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam	PHUONG ANH SEAFOOD PROCESSING IMP.& EXP.JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	osaka	SOJITZ CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN KOEBI TEMPURA	Vietnam	VIETNAM NORTHERN VIKING TECHNOLOGIES CO.,LTD.		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	kobe	ARTISAN INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): NOBASHIEBI (BLACK TIGER)	Vietnam	FIMEXVN		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	tokyo	KYOKUYO CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PTOE BLACK TIGER SHRIMPS	Vietnam	THAI TAN SEAFOOD FACTORY		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.003ppm detection)	tokyo	KANEMATSU CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PTOE BLACK TIGER SHRIMPS	Vietnam	THAI TAN SEAFOOD FACTORY		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.004ppm detection)	tokyo	KANEMATSU CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: NOBASHI EBI(BLACK TIGER)	Vietnam	FIMEXVN		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	tokyo	KYOKUYO CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp	Vietnam	CAMAU FROZEN SEAFOOD PROCESSING IMPORT EXPORT CORP		11	violation of compositional standard (furazolidone (as AOZ) 0.001 ppm detection)	tokyo	K.T.MARKETING CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
FROZEN CULTURED PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	TRANG KHANH TRADING COMPANY LIMITED		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.009ppm detection)	tokyo	MATSUOKA CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: NOBASHIEBI	Vietnam	UT XI AQUATIC PRODUCTS PROCESSING COMPANY		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	tokyo	DAIHO CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection

Frozen food served without heating: FROZEN COOKED VANNAMEI SUSHI EBI	Vietnam	TRUC AN CO.,LTD.		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	fukuoka	CRALAY CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	FINE FOODS COMPANY		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS,INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: PTO SHRIMP SKEWER	Vietnam	COASTAL FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION		11	violation of compositional standard (furazolidone (as AOZ) 0.002 ppm detection)	osaka	C'S. COM CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served without heating: FROZEN BOILED PD SHRIMP(YOSHOKU)	Vietnam	MY SON SEAFOODS FACTORY		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	osaka	ITOCHU CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
DRY AKIAMI EBI	Vietnam	NHATRANG SEAPRODUCT COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (chloramphenicol 0.0015 ppm detection)	shimizu	KUMAGAYA CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN KE SHRIMP FRY	Vietnam	COASTAL FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	tokyo 2nd section	HIGASHIMARU INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured shrimp:SHITAGOSHIRAE EBI(VANNAMEI)	Vietnam	C.P.VIETNAM LIVESTOCK CORPORATION		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.013 ppm detection)	osaka	NICHIREI FRESH INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing):FROZEN BREADED SHRIMP	Vietnam	FINE FOODS COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS,INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing):FROZEN "DELI"NOBASHI-PTO BT SHRIMP	Vietnam	UTXI AQUATIC PRODUCTS PROCESSING CORPORATION		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	kawasaki	C G C JAPAN CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	KIM ANH COMPANY LTD		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin 0.002 ppm detection)	tokyo	SOJITZ CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen peeled shrimp : FROZEN NOBASHI EBI (SB) BT.	Vietnam	CAMAU FROZEN SEAFOOD PROCESSING IMPORT EXPORT CORPORATION		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin0.002 ppm detection)	osaka	S. ISHIMITSU & CO., LTD.			ordered inspection
FROZEN SHRIMP (MUKI EBI (BLACK TIGER))	Vietnam	CAFATEX CORPORATION		11	violation of element standard (t rifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	tokyo	KYOKUYO CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection

Frozen cultured peeled shrimp : (FROZEN SHRIMPS BLOCK RAW PEELED AND DEVEINED TAIL OFF BLACK TIGER SHRIMP)	Vietnam	HUNG CUONG SEAFOOD		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin 0.004 ppm detection)	fukuoka	TOP INTERTRADE CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing) : S H R I M P TEMPRA	Vietnam	CANASEAFOOD IMPORT EXPORT JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin 0.003 ppm detection)	yokohama	ARTISAN INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing):FROZEN EBI FRY	Vietnam	VIETNAM NORTHERN VIKING TECHNOLOGIES CO.,LTD.		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin 0.002 ppm detection)	kawasaki	KAISEI SUISAN CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen peeled shrimp (cultured) FROZEN CPD BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam	MINH HAI JOINT-STOCK SEAFOODS PROCESSING COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin 0.002 ppm detection)	tokyo	ITOCHU CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing):FROZEN EBI FRY	Vietnam	VIETNAM NORTHERN VIKING TECHNOLOGIES CO.,LTD.		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.03 ppm detection)	osaka	S.ISHIMITSU & CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	monitoring inspection
Frozen peeled shrimp (cultured) : FROZEN MUKIEBI (BLACK TIGER)	Vietnam	BINH DONG FISHERIES JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	osaka	KYOKUYO CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	monitoring inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN MUKIEBI (BLACK TIGER)	Vietnam	BINH DONG FISHERIES JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	tokyo	KYOKUYO CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN PURI PURI KOEBI TEMPURA SHRIMP	Vietnam	MINH PHU SEAFOOD CORP		11	violation of compositional standard (Trifluralin 0.002ppm detection)	kobe	OHBUN CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): HEAD ON EBIFRY KADAIF	Vietnam	SEAFOOD JOINT STOCK COMPANY NO.1		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	tokyo	JAPAN FOOD SERVICE CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN RAW PD TAIL-LESS BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam	BINH DONG FISHERES JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	kobe	FUJI CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN BT NOBASHI PTO DELI SHRIMP	Vietnam	UTXI AQUATIC PRODUCTS PROCESSING CORPORATION		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	kawasaki	C G C JAPAN CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	THO QUANG SEAFOOD PROCESSING AND EXPORT COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	tokyo	SOJITZ CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection

Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	THAI TAN SEAFOOD FACTORY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.03 mg/kg detection)	tokyo	KANEMATSU CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (those heated immediately before freezing): STEAMED SHRIMP SPRING ROLL	Vietnam	CAUTRE EXPORT GOODS PROCESSING JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (chloramphenicol 0.0012 ppm detection)	fukuoka	WORLD FOODS CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): TOKUBAIYOU EBI-FRY	Vietnam	SOC TRANG SEAFOOD JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.03 ppm detection)	nagoya	SOJITZ FOODS CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	CAMAU AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IMP-EXP,COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (chloramphenicol 0.0008 ppm detection)	osaka	SHOKURYU CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: PD BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam	VIETCUONG SEAFOOD PROCESSING IMPORT EXPORT JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	tokyo	HANWA CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	QUOC VIET SEAPRODUCTS PROCESSING TRADING & IMPORT-EXPORT LTD.		11	violation of compositional standard (furazolidone (as AOX) 0.020 ppm detection)	kobe	HANWA CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN SHRIMP PEELED(BLACK TIGER)	Vietnam	TAC VAN FROZEN SEAFOOD PROCESSING EXPORT COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.04 ppm detection)	osaka	EIGER CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN WHITE PD BLOCK SHRIMP	Vietnam	CAMAU AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND FOODSTUFF IMP-EXP JOINT STOCK COMPANY (AGRIMEXCO)		11	violation of compositional standard (chloramphenicol 0.0010 ppm detection)	fukuoka	NICHIREI FRESH INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN PD BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam	CANTHO IMPORT EXPORT FISHERY LIMITED COMPANY(CAFISH VIETNAM)		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	tokyo	SHOKURYU CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP (NOBASHI-EBI)	Vietnam	CUULONG SEAPRODUCTS CO.		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	tokyo	HANWA CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN EBI FRY	Vietnam	KIM ANH CO.,LTD.		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	osaka	TOHO BUSSAN KAISHA, LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection

Frozen cultured shrimp: HEAD LESS FROZEN SHRIMP	Vietnam		LONG TOAN FROZEN AQUATIC PRODUCTS JOINT-STOCK COMPANY	11	violation of compositional standard (Trifluralin 0.002ppm, enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	kobe	JAPANESE CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE UNION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN VANNAMEI WHITE PD	Vietnam		BACLIEU FISHERIES JOINT STOCK COMPANY	11	violation of compositional standard (chloramphenicol 0.0005 ppm detection)	tokyo	MAPLE FOODS LIMITED		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PD VANNAMEI SHRIMP	Vietnam		NEW DRAGON SEAFOOD FACTORY-STAPIMEX	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	osaka	SOJITZ CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured shrimp: HEAD LESS FROZEN SHRIMP	Vietnam		LING TOAN FROZEN AQUATIC PRODUCTS JOINT-STOCK COMPANY.	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	kobe	JAPANESE CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE UNION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): NOBASHI BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam		CUULONG SEAPRODUCTS COMPANY	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	tokyo	K. I. SHOJI CORP. LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN RAW PD BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam		MINH CHAU CO.,LTD.	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	fukuoka	KANBE CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: BLOCK FROZEN HL-PD BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam		OCEAN FOOD CORPORATION.	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	tokyo	YOKOHAMA REITO CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam		QUOC VIET SEAPRODUCTS PROCESSING TRADING AND IMP-EXP CO., LTD.	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	kobe 2nd section	TOYO REIZO CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam		FIMEX VN	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	kobe	HANWA CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN PEELED BLACKTIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam		VIET THANG PRIVATE LTD	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	kobe	HYOREI SHOJI CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured shrimp: FROZEN BLACKTIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam		VIET THANG PRIVATE LTD	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	kobe	HYOREI SHOJI CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen peeled shrimp: FROZEN SHELL ON SHRIMP	Vietnam		UTXI AQUATIC PRODUCTS PROCESSING CORP.	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	kawasaki	C G C JAPAN CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection

Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): HEAD ON EBIFRY KADAIF	Vietnam	SEAFOOD JOINT STOCK COMPANY NO.1		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	tokyo	SHINPOH INTERNATIONAL CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured shrimp: VIETNAM SHRIMP	Vietnam		CANTHO IMPORT EXPORT FISHERY LIMITED COMPANY(CAFISH VIETNAM)	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS,INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam	SOC TRANG SEAFOOD JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (trifluralin 0.002 ppm detection)	tokyo 2nd section	SOJITZ FOODS CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP(NOBASHI)	Vietnam	QUOC VIET SEAPRODUCTS PROCESSING TRADING AND IMPORT-EXPORT		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS, INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PDTO NOBASHI BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam	FINE FOODS COMPANY(FFC)		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.04 ppm detection)	tokyo	ITOCHU CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing):FROZEN NOBASHI EBI	Vietnam	CAMAU FROZEN SEAFOOD PROCESSING I/E CORP(CAMIMEX)		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	fukuoka	DAIHO CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served without heating:FROZEN Y FUKKURA NIEBI	Vietnam	D&N FOODS PROCESSING (DANANG) CO.,LTD.(DANIFOODS)		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.03 ppm detection)	osaka	DAIICHI CHINMI CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating(other than those heated immediately before freezing):FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP(YOSHOKU))	Vietnam	CANTHO IMPORT EXPORT FISHERY LIMITED COMPANY(CAFISH VIETNAM)		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	kobe 2nd section	SC FOODS CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served without heating: FROZEN EBI NISHIKI	Vietnam	D & N FOODS PROCESSING (DANANG) CO.,LTD.(DANIFOODS)		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	osaka	DAIICHI CHINMI CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served without heating: FROZEN SEASONED PRAWN (HALF SHELL)	Vietnam	D & N FOODS PROCESSING (DANANG) CO.,LTD. (DANIFOODS)		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	osaka	DAIICHI CHINMI CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN BREADED BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam	QUOC VIET SEAPRODUCTS PROCESSING TRADING AND IMPORT-EXPORT		11	violation of compositional standard (furazolidone (as AOZ) 0.002 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS, INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN BREADED SHRIMP	Vietnam	SOC TRANG SEAFOOD JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS, INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection

Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN RAW PD TAIL-LESS BLACK TIGER	Vietnam	BINH DONG FISHERIES JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.08 ppm detection)	kansai airport	FUJI CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN RAW PD TAIL-LESS BLACK TIGER	Vietnam	BINH DONG FISHERIES JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.06 ppm detection)	kansai airport	FUJI CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN BLACK TIGER NOBASHI for TEMPURA	Vietnam	THAI TAN SEAFOOD FACTORY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	osaka	TOHO BUSSAN KAISHA, LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
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Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	QUOC VIET SEAPRODUCTS PROCESSING TRADING AND IMP-EXP CO.,LTD.		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	tokyo	TOYO REIZO CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
FROZEN CULTURED PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	CANTHO IMPORT EXPORT FISHERY LIMITED COMPANY(CAFISH VIETNAM)		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin 0.007 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS, INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): RAW BREADED & FLOURED SHRIMPS	Vietnam	PHUONG NAM FOODSTUFF CORP		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	kawasaki	SKYLARK CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN EBI FRY(HEADLESS)	Vietnam	VIET THANG PRIVATE LTD		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin 0.002 ppm detection)	kobe	HYOREI SHOJI CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	VIET CUONG SEAFOOD PROCESSING IMPORT-EXPORT JOINT STOCK		11	violation of compositional standard (t rifluralin 0.002 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS,INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served without heating: FROZEN BOILED PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	SOC TRANG SEAFOOD JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS, INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	CAMIMEX		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.04 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS, INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP NOBASHI	Vietnam	CAMIMEX		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.03 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS, INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection

FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	CAMAU AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND FOODSTUFF IMP-EXP JOINT STOC		11	violation of compositional standard (chloramphenicol 0.012 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS, INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN BREADED BLACK TIGER	Vietnam	QUOC VIET SEAPRODUCTS PROCESSING TRADING AND IMPORT-EXPORT		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	tokyo	MARUHA NICHIRO SEAFOODS, INC.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served without heating: FROZEN EBI TEMARI	Vietnam	D&N FOODS PROCESSING (DANANG) CO., LTD (DANIFOODS)		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	osaka	DAIICHI CHINMI CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN EBI FRY	Vietnam	SOC TRANG SEAFOOD JOINT STOCK COMPANY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	tokyo	HANWA CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
FROZEN BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam		NAM CAN SEAPRODUCTS IMPORT-EXPORT JOINT STOCK CO.(SEANAMICO)	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.07 ppm detection)	fukuoka	MATSUOKA CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN PD VANNAMEI SHRIMP	Vietnam	FINE FOODS CO.		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.03 ppm detection)	nagoya	K. I. SHOJI CORP. LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
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Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: PTOE BLACK TIGER SHRIMPS	Vietnam	THAI TAN SEAFOOD FACTORY		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	tokyo	KANEMATSU CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN PD BLOCK BLACK TIGER SHRIMP	Vietnam	PHU CUONG JOSTOCO SEAFOOD CORPORATION		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	tokyo	NICE FOODS CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN BREADED SHRIMP	Vietnam	FIMEXVN.		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	yokohama	KYOKUYO CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN PEELED SHRIMP	Vietnam	SOC TRANG SEAFOOD JOINT STOCK COMPANY. (STAPIMEX)		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	kobe	SC FOODS CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection

Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN NOBASHI BLACK TIGER	Vietnam	FIMEX VN		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.22 ppm detection)	tokyo	HANWA CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured shrimp (FROZEN SHRIMP (BLACK TIGER))	Vietnam		NAM CAN SEAPRODUCTS IMPORT-EXPART JOINT STOCK CO.	11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.01 ppm detection)	tokyo	OCEAN TRADER CO., LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
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Frozen food served after heating (other than those heated immediately before freezing): FROZEN WHITE SHRIMP TEMPURA	Vietnam	FIMEX VN		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.02 ppm detection)	tokyo	HIGASHIMARU INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection
Frozen cultured peeled shrimp: FROZEN SHRIMP BT NOBASHI EBI	Vietnam	CUULONG SEAPRODUCTS CO.		11	violation of compositional standard (enrofloxacin 0.03 ppm detection)	tokyo	HANWA CO.,LTD.		we directed abandonment or return of the cargo (the whole quantity is kept)	ordered inspection

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Shrimp exporters face shut-down due to antibiotic residue

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Many local seafood exporters are on the brink of halting operation, or even bankruptcy, as their shrimp exports to Japan have recently been found to contain excessive levels of the antibiotic enrofloxacin.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnamese shrimps bound for Japan last year were 56 times detected to be tainted with enrofloxacin residues exceeding limits .

Consequently, Vietnam had to re-import the aquatic products, which the ministry said not only created adverse impact on the reputation of the local industry but could also cause some foreign markets to turn back on Vietnamese seafood.

Hoang Thanh Vu, an employee in charge of quality at a frozen shrimp exporter, said his company had been three times warned by Japanese importers about the antibiotic residue.

Should the business receive one more warning, the National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department (Nafiquad) will suspend its exports, driving the company to a tough spot, he lamented.

Meanwhile, although most local seafood exporters are aware of the consequence of having their shrimp exports containing excess levels of antibiotic, and have spent billions of dong on input material testing, they still failed to detect all of the contaminated products before exports.

Tran Van Pham, CEO of seafood company Stapimex, said the company last year spent VND11 billion for antibiotic test on the shrimps right at the company's facility before exports.

"There were times when our containers were held at the Japanese or Canadian ports for up to 10 days, burdening our pressure of clearing bank loan interests, and warehouse leasing costs," Pham said.

Similarly, Vu said his company had to earmark a total of around VND6.75 billion on enrofloxacin tests.

Exporters urged banning enrofloxacin

Nguyen Nhu Tiep, head of Nafiquad, said his institution had fostered checks and tests on seafood exporters prior to their shipment.

However, most exporters said such strengthened inspections would only exacerbate the difficulties of exporters with the hefty costs for antibiotic tests, rather than helping increase the export quality.

For his part, Truong Dinh Hoe, General Secretary of the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Processors (VASEP), conducting tests on the processed products prior to exports would not be a comprehensive solution to the issue, since farmers still continued to use enrofloxacin in their shrimp feeding.

"Meanwhile, asking farmers to stop using the antibiotic before reaping the crop is out of exporters' control," Hoe said.

"Thus, VASEP have repeatedly urged the General Seafood Department to consider prohibiting the use of enrofloxacin in shrimp feeding, while providing guidance for farmers to use alternative chemicals to completely curb this issue."

However, Pham Anh tuan, deputy head of the General Seafood Department, said the department has yet to be able to ban the use of enrofloxacin, since many exporting markets such as Japan and the US only limit the levels of this antibiotic, rather than prohibiting it.

However, he added that the department will petition for the enrofloxacin prohibition in aquaculture.

"We are reviewing all of the drugs used in aquaculture, and will eliminate all that contain enrofloxacin from circulation on the market," Tuan said.

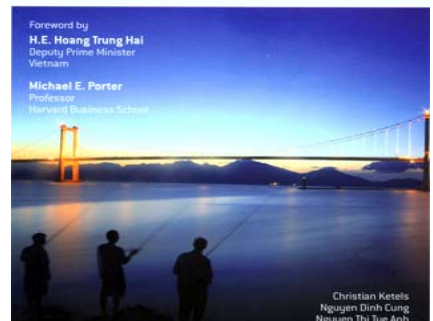
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Canada warns Vietnam about antibiotic in catfish

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The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is considering a ban on Vietnamese catfish products after finding samples with excess levels of the antibiotic enrofloxacin, the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Processors said citing sources from the Vietnam Trade Commission in Canada.

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It is the first time Canada Vietnam has warned about antibiotic residues in catfish though it is the third such instance this year.

In the first week of June Japan said it found two shipments of shrimp from Vietnam containing enrofloxacin residue.

Since June 10 it has increased the frequency of inspection of Vietnamese shrimp for enrofloxacin from 30 percent to 100 percent.

German and Italian authorities also said four catfish shipments from Vietnam contained trifluralin residues and the chemical substance chlorpyrifos used to kill termites.

VASEP chairman Truong Dinh Hoe said Canada has tightened the norm for enrofloxacin residue in seafood to 0.06 parts per billion (ppb), and urged Vietnamese exporters to take note.

Seafood is Vietnam's third largest export item to Canada while the North American country has been one of the main markets for Vietnamese seafood this year, buying more than 11,550 tons of seafood worth about \$ 63.2 million to Canada in the first half, including nearly 6,900 tons of tra and basa.

In March-June this year VASEP recommended to the General Fisheries Department that it tighten control of enrofloxacin use by farmers.

But an outdated 2009 circular from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development listing banned and restricted drugs, chemicals, and antibiotics has yet to be replaced.

Thus, though enrofloxacin is named in this list, its limit is indicated as 100 ppb.

Seafood companies are extremely worried since they cannot control the use of the antibiotic which remains widely used by farmers.

They are having to invest in expensive testing equipment as a result.

Last week three leading British retailers, Tesco, Asda and Morrisons, announced they had withdrew from their shelves Vietnamese catfish imported by a local company after some of the fish was found to have some illegal substances used to increase their weight.

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