



## China bans imports from 15 Vietnamese companies

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On the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2019, China Customs updated its list of Vietnamese seafood establishments, with products produced by five Vietnamese establishments (as of 6th September 2019) will be banned from import into China.

Of the 15 deleted establishments, two are involved in Basa fish and 13 are related to prawn products and other seafood products.

The codes of the two Basa fish establishments are respectively: DL703 and DL08. A year ago, DL703 was already banned by the Vietnamese National Argo-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department (NAFIQAD) from export.

DL08 belongs to An Giang Fisheries, and is one of the four establishments under the latter. Some shares of stock in An Giang Fisheries are state-owned, and other shares are owned by Vietnamese Hung Vuong.

Of the other 13 establishments involved in prawn and other seafood products, AK, Phuong Nam, Thuan An are the establishments that exported most prawn products to the Chinese market.

From the list published by the China Customs, the export business of Vietnamese mainstream establishments in Basa and prawn products has not been much affected. The trade between China and Vietnam is still going on as per usual.

According to insiders in the Vietnamese aquatic industry, the Vietnam NAFIQAD usually inspects Vietnamese local aquatic enterprises annually, requiring the latter to update the establishment processing information. If it is not updated, NAFIQAD will automatically cancel their export license. The list of 15 establishments banned by China Customs in September 2019 was exactly the one provided by NAFIQAD.

Since June 2019, the control of border trade between China and Vietnam has been tightened. In Vietnam, every transaction of Vietnamese aquatic products via border trade requires the certificate issued by the Vietnamese authorities. In China, every transaction of Vietnamese frozen food via border trade shall be registered by the Chinese local authorities for traceability.

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