

FDA puts 70 Peruvian companies on its Red List

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The Chamber of Commerce of Lima (Cámara de Comercio de Lima - CCL) revealed that there are currently 70 Peruvian companies that have been red-listed by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), after the Import Alert has been issued, due to lack of required sanitary qualifications. Most of the companies export agricultural, livestock and fishery products.

Mr. Carlos Posada, Executive Director of the Foreign Trade Research and Development Institute (Idexcam) under CCL, said that among the 70 Peruvian companies on the FDA's red list, 33 of them or 47.14% export agricultural and livestock products, 28 fishery companies (40%) and 9 drug companies (12.86%). Being on the list makes these companies unable to export products to the US market until they can resolve to meet with the sanitary qualifications as required by the United States of America.

The agricultural and livestock products on the Red List that have been suspended from being imported are pea, asparagus, fresh mango, soft drinks, Doña Pepa dessert, canary soy, chilli, evaporated milk, etc. This is a result of the use of prohibited insecticides such as Spiromesifen, Avermectin, Emamectin Benzoate, Carbendazim, Cyromazine, Methamidophos, Procymidone, Triadimenol and Chlorothalonil. Also, there were other issues, such as, Salmonella infections, inadequate labels, canned food with low acid or food acidified by improper control process, and use of illegal coloring and/ or coloring that not declared as tartrazine.

For fishery products, the import suspension applied to Mahi-Mahi fish, scallops, swordfish, swordfish, black hake, anchovy, mackerel, shrimp, lobster, smelt fish, shark, sardine, etc., due to rotting state or containing of histamine. Also, they do not meet the requirements of the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) due to the presence of *Listeria Monocytogenes* bacteria and *Salmonella*.

The said number of Peruvian companies on the Red List is accumulated from 2009 until July 2019. During this period, there have been 18 companies capable to solve the problems and have been released from this list, consisting of 13 agricultural and livestock companies and 2 pharmaceutical companies.

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