

## Peruvian fisheries products reach the Russian market

The decision of the Russian government to lift the temporary restrictions on the entry of Peruvian seafood has significantly benefited Peru, states the National Fish Health Agency (SANIPES).

According to SANIPES, since Russia reopened its market, 22 Peruvian seafood product shipments equivalent to 642 tonnes were certified.

Among the aquaculture-fishery products sent to Russia, those that stand out are giant squid, hake and frozen shrimp, explained SANIPES executive director, Diana Garcia.

"It is known that there is interest in exporting other products like scallops, frozen trout as well as fishmeal, among others," she added.

Last August, the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary **Surveillance** (Rosselkhoznadzor) lifted the temporary restrictions on the entry of fishery products from 18 Peruvian establishments, the agency *Andina* reported.

Currently, 49 companies are registered to export to Russia. Of these, 32 firms specialize in products for direct human consumption (frozen and canned ones) and the other 17 companies are engaged in fishmeal and fish oil production.

In addition, another 11 plants are undergoing the enrolment process. Out of these factories, four have already met the requirements of Russia and are undergoing the enrolment process and the remaining seven establishments are being remedied.

"The recent measures taken by the **Russian Federation** in foreign trade will make it possible to open new opportunities to expand Peruvian exports of fishery and aquaculture products, benefiting **foreign exchange** earnings in the country," Garcia stated.

The certificates required by Russia are issued by SANIPES, and accredit the compliance with the sanitary requirements of products from the sea in accordance with the Russian health regulations for **marketing** in that market.

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