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Vietnamese Basa Banned in Mississippi

Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Lester Spell has placed an immediate ban on sale of basa fish from two Vietnamese processors. Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce inspectors will continue to search throughout Mississippi and collect samples on all Vietnamese basa fish in retail stores in Mississippi and test for fluoroquinolones, an antibiotic prohibited in fish products under U. S. Food and Drug Administration rules and regulations. Restaurants and wholesale distributors are regulated by the State Department of Health.

“Products from two Vietnamese processors are known to be contaminated with the antibiotics, therefore these products are banned for sale in Mississippi,” Spell said. “We will continue to test for adulterated products from additional sources in Vietnam. I strongly urge consumers to stay away from basa fish products. Fish products from Vietnam are not guaranteed to be safe. Any products in Mississippi found to be contaminated will be seized.”

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has placed two Vietnamese processors on Import Alert – Vinh Long Aqua Processing and Afix Seafood Industry – after tests results were positive for the presence of fluoroquinolones in samples. All basa samples collected in Mississippi by the MDAC are being tested at the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory.

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