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### **Testing Finds Illegal Antibiotics in More Chinese Catfish**

**Lester Spell, Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, confirmed seven additional imported Chinese catfish samples have tested positive for illegal antibiotics found in Mississippi grocery stores. To date, 16 samples have been collected for testing with 11 of those samples testing positive for the banned antibiotics ciprofloxacin and enrofloxacin.**

**A “Stop-Sale Order” was issued to the grocery stores carrying these items when laboratory results were confirmed. Today, the additional positive tests of imported Chinese catfish were being sold in the following grocery stores: Mac’s Meat Market in Starkville, D&T Supermarket in Clarksdale, Save-A-Lot in Gulfport and Clarksdale, Sunflower Food Store in Poplarville, Southern Family Market in Meridian, and Walden’s Big Star in Booneville.**

**On May 1, 2007, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture issued a “Stop-Sale Order” after testing confirmed the presence of the banned antibiotics belonging to the fluoroquinolone drug family. These samples were pulled from four Mississippi grocery stores across the state.**

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