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## MFDS Signs ‘Korea-Peru Fishery Product Safety Arrangement’

**- Assigning responsibility and obligation to the Peruvian government for managing safety of fishery products exported to Korea -**

- The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) of the Republic of Korea (Minister Oh Yu-Kyoung) and the SANIPES of Peru signed ‘Arrangement for Fishery Product Safety’ on January 13, aiming to improve safety of Peruvian fishery products imported by Korea.
- The arrangement was developed to ensure import of fishery products managed safely from production stage by the Peruvian government. It will enter into effect from January 13, 2024.
- With this arrangement, MFDS has fishery product safety arrangement with 10 countries. The volume of imported fishery products from these countries account for around 80% of the entire seafood imports(about 1.2 million tons as of 2022).
- ※ Existing Arrangement Partners(9 countries) : China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Russia, Ecuador, Chile, Norway, The Philippines (77% of entire fishery imports)
- Highlights of the Arrangement include ▲the government agency(SANIPES)’s safety management of manufacturing facilities

in the exporting country, ▲issuance of Health Certificate, ▲ subsequent measures in the event of non-compliance, such as suspension of import and an investigation of cause.

- The Peruvian government will notify MFDS of producers whose safety and hygiene have been managed from production state. Only the notified producers will be able to export their products to Korea.
  - For every exporting product, it is a mandatory to attach the Health Certificate with product name, quantity, weight, registration number and the name of manufacturing facility on it.
  - In addition, when there are products judged as unsuitable in customs inspection, MFDS will suspend import temporarily and receive investigation report on cause from the Peruvian government. MFDS will review the investigation result before lifting its suspension measure.
  - For reference, the amount of the fishery products imported from Peru accounts for around 45,000 tons annually. They are mostly frozen squids, vannamei shrimps, and sea eels. As of 2022, Peruvian squids recorded the highest volume of imported squids(number one at 35.8%).
- The Ministry will continue to expand the scope of safety arrangement to assign safety responsibility and obligation to the governments of exporting countries for hygiene of production sites in order to improve fishery product safety management.
- \* MFDS plans to sign safety arrangement with Argentina, Australia, Canada, and Taiwan.