

functions, tasks, powers and organizational structure of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, and the Government's Decree No. 75/2009/ND-CP of September 10, 2009, amending Article 3 of Decree No. 01/2008/ND-CP;

Pursuant to the November 21, 2007 Law on Product and Goods Quality and the Government's Decree No. 132/2008/ND-CP of December 31, 2008, detailing a number of articles of the Law on Product and Goods Quality;

Pursuant to the July 26, 2003 Ordinance on Food Hygiene and Safety and the Government's Decree No. 163/2004/ND-CP of September 7, 2004, detailing a number of articles of the Ordinance on Food Hygiene and Safety;

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development promulgates requirements on assurance of food quality, hygiene and safety in processing tra and basa catfish products for export as follows:

Article 1. Scope of regulation and subjects of application

1. Scope of regulation: This Circular provides for requirements on assurance of food quality, hygiene and safety in processing tra and basa catfish products for export.

2. Subjects of application:

a/ Establishments processing tra and basa catfish products for export;

b/ Vietnam's tra and basa catfish products exported to foreign markets.

Article 2. Processing establishments are permitted to export tra and basa catfish products

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Circular No. 09/2010/TT-BNNPTNT of February 26, 2010, promulgating requirements on assurance of food quality, hygiene and safety in processing tra and basa catfish products for export

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 01/2008/ND-CP of January 3, 2008, defining the

if fully meeting following requirements:

1. They have been inspected and certified as satisfying conditions on assurance of food hygiene and safety in producing and trading in aquatic products under regulations of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

2. *Tra* and *basa* catfish materials used for processing products for export must:

a/ Originate from farms located in rearing zones in which harvest is permitted under the Regulation on control of toxic and hazardous residues in reared aquatic animals and products thereof, promulgated together with the Agriculture and Rural Development Ministry's Decision No. 130/2008/QĐ-BNN of December 31, 2008.

b/ Have been sampled, tested and certified by processing establishments as being conformable with food safety criteria under plans set in the establishments' quality control system under the Principle of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP).

c/ Have their quality inspected through observation by processing establishments upon receipt and are certified as being conformable with requirements (fish are alive and healthy and show no signs of pathological germs or parasites).

3. Requirements on product processing and export:

a/ The rate of ice glaze to the net weight of products in frozen fillet must comply with regulations of competent authorities of importing countries, which must not exceed 20%.

b/ It is only permitted to use chemical additives on the list of permitted substances prescribed by importing countries or Vietnam's

current law. The residues of chemical additives in products must not exceed the maximum permitted limit.

c/ Before being exported, *tra* and *basa* catfish products are inspected and certified by the National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department in terms of food quality, hygiene and safety under regulations of importing countries or Vietnam's current regulations.

Article 3. Organization of implementation

The National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department shall:

1. Inspect and supervise the implementation of the provisions of Clauses 1 and 2; and Points a and b, Clause 3, Article 2 of this Circular by processing establishments in the processing of *tra* and *basa* catfish products for export.

2. Inspect and certify food quality, hygiene and safety for exported *tra* and *basa* catfish products.

3. Coordinate with the General Department of Customs in controlling exported *tra* and *basa* catfish products under this Circular.

Article 4. Effect

1. This Circular takes effect 45 days from the date of its signing.

2. The Chief of the Office, the Director of the National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department and heads of units under the Ministry and establishments processing *tra* and *basa* catfish for export shall implement this Circular.

Any problems arising in the process of implementation should be reported to the

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
for study and settlement.-

For the Minister of
Agriculture and Rural Development
Deputy Minister
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