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Tradex Foods Ensures 100% Drug-Free Seafood Products from its Chinese Suppliers

The recent announcement by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that it will detain all incoming shipments from China of five farmed seafood species has caused some concern in the industry. Buyers of the five affected species have scrambled to confirm supply contracts amid potential delays and rejections. Meanwhile buyers of Chinese seafood products in general have reviewed the marketing and food safety implications of their Chinese supply contracts.

During this anxious period Tradex Foods Inc. offers peace of mind to buyers of seafood produced in China. Tradex has many years of experience in China during which time it has developed an industry-leading, seven-step quality control process that, among other benefits, ensures that our customers receive 100% drug-free products from our Chinese suppliers.

Here are the seven steps of Tradex's quality control process:

1. Harvester accreditation
2. Plant accreditation
3. Raw material inspection
4. Processing inspection
5. Finished product inspection
6. Loading
7. Final inspection report

Tradex deals only with accredited producers of drug-free product

The plant accreditation step in particular allows Tradex to identify producers capable of producing drug-free products. Tradex employs full-time inspectors in China who review the following elements of each potential new supplier's operations:

- HACCP plan
- Record-keeping procedures
- Water and ice safety
- Cleanliness of food contact surfaces

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- Adequacy of sanitation equipment
- Sanitation history of the facility

Tradex buys only from plants that can demonstrate a history of safe food production and that employ the necessary sanitation procedures and equipment to continue to do so.

As a result customers buy from Tradex Foods with full confidence that they will receive 100% drug-free product, whether from China or elsewhere.

ABOUT TRADEX FOODS: Tradex Foods Inc. is a global supplier of quality, fresh frozen seafood. We serve processing, food services and retail clients in North America and throughout the world. In total Tradex sells and distributes approximately 45 million pounds of frozen seafood per year, offering a range of premium Sinbad food services and retail products as well as quality packer label wholesale products.

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