

Russia calls for 'greater stringency' to certify Chilean seafood exporters

Chilean and Russian officials met recently in Berlin, Germany, to discuss the results of an audit conducted in Chile by Russian health authorities and certification systems, among other issues.

The meeting was attended by the director of the [National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service](#) (Sernapesca), Jose Miguel Burgos, the Deputy Director of Foreign Trade, Cecilia Solis, and the head of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhoznadzor), Sergey Dankvert.

In November 2014, Russian inspectors visited the premises of several companies that export fishery products to the Eurasian Customs Union (Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan).

Dankvert said in the meeting that the results of this audit would be presented officially in the coming days.

However, he mentioned that there are some observations that Chile should correct to maintain fisheries and aquaculture exports to the Customs Union.

Therefore, the Federal Service shall ask Sernapesca greater rigor to certify authorized establishments to export to these countries, *Aqua* informed.

Burgos acknowledged that there are some observations, but stressed that there is a strong interest in increasing trade with Chile.

In this regard, he said the Russian Agriculture minister himself "stressed the importance of maintaining a dynamic trade flow with Chile, and also highlighted that cooperation in aquaculture and fisheries matters is very important to them."

Dankvert emphasized the efficiency of joint work with Chile and expressed confidence in increasing fisheries, aquaculture and agricultural product exports.

"Chilean producers have steadily increased shipments to Russia, but it is important that this increased presence in the Russian market is consolidated abiding by the quality standards of the Customs Union," Burgos said.

"For our part, we understand Russian requirements and this will allow us to incorporate the necessary improvements as quickly as possible," he added.

The director of Sernapesca said that Service officials and industries interested in exporting to Russia would receive training, to correct current problems without bilateral trade interruption.

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