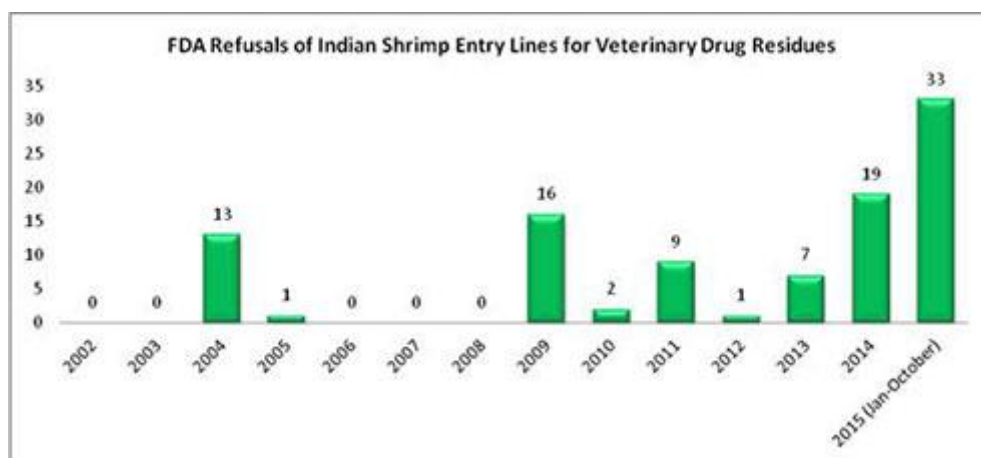


United States, FDA rejects more shrimp imports than in the last three years

The **US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** refused a total of 377 entry lines of shrimp products for reasons related to banned antibiotics through the first nine months of 2015, representing record high compared to the previous three years combined.

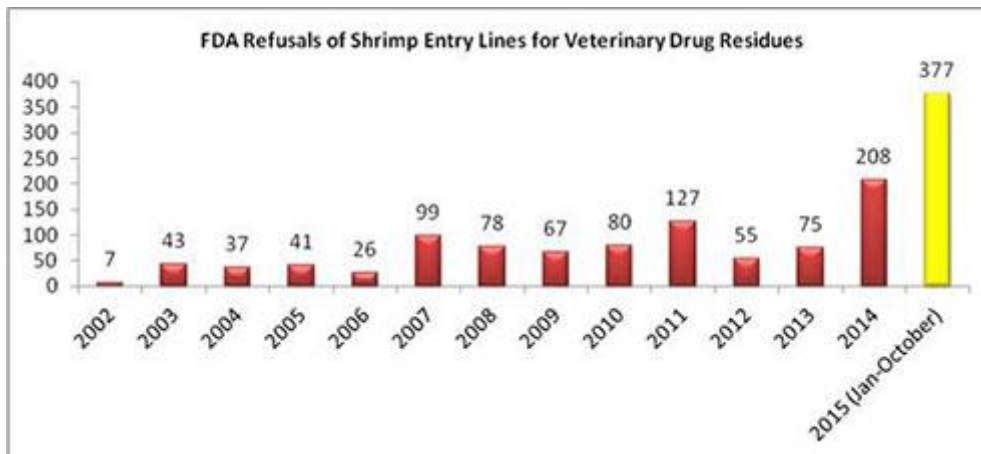
According to the **Southern Shrimp Alliance (SSA)**, until October this year the federal agency did not authorise 33 shrimp imports from India compared to a total of 27 in the previous three years combined.



Considering only October, the number of seafood line refusals by FDA reached 112, of which , 17 (15.2 per cent) were of shrimp entry lines not accepted for reasons related to banned antibiotics.

“Cumulatively, the FDA’s refusals of shrimp entry line for reasons related to banned antibiotics in 2015 substantially exceeds the agency’s actions over the prior thirteen years,” the SSA stresses.

Besides, the number of shrimp entry line refusals in just the first nine months of this year exceeds the total number of such refusals in the six year between 2002 and 2007, the four years between 2008 and 2011, and the three years between 2012 and 2014.



The entry line refusals in October involved shrimp shipped from six different companies located in India, Malaysia, and China.

The refusals were reported from five different FDA District Offices spread across the country:

- Kay Kay Exports (India) had two entry lines refused for shrimp contaminated with both nitrofurans and veterinary drug residues in the New York District;
- RDR Exports (India), had one entry line refused for shrimp contaminated with nitrofurans in the Los Angeles District;
- Ocean Vision Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysia), had three entry lines refused for shrimp contaminated with both nitrofurans and veterinary drug residues in the San Francisco District and two entry lines refused for shrimp contaminated with both nitrofurans and veterinary drug residues in the Los Angeles District;
- Omega Frozen Seafood Sdn. Bhd. (Malaysia), had two entry lines refused for shrimp contaminated with both nitrofurans and veterinary drug residues in the New York District;
- Ruian Huasheng Aquatic Products Factory (China), had five entry lines refused for shrimp contaminated with veterinary drug residues in the Baltimore District; and
- [Zhouhahn Yueyang Food Co., Ltd.](#) (China), had two entry lines refused for shrimp contaminated with veterinary drug residues in the San Juan (Puerto Rico) District.

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