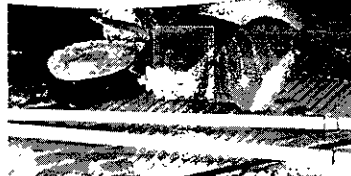




Control measures for fishery quality and banned chemicals and antibiotics residues in fishery products exported to Japan

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1.1. Results:

- After the promulgation of the Decision 1052/QĐ-BTS (from December 20, 2006 to April 30, 2007), NAFIQAVED has accordingly inspected 387 of 2779 squids and shrimps consignments exported to Japan (equivalent to 13,7%).
- In this period, only exported consignments of 49 processing establishments (of the total of 232, equivalent to 21,1%) had been mandatorily inspected by NAFIQAVED in compliance with the Decision.

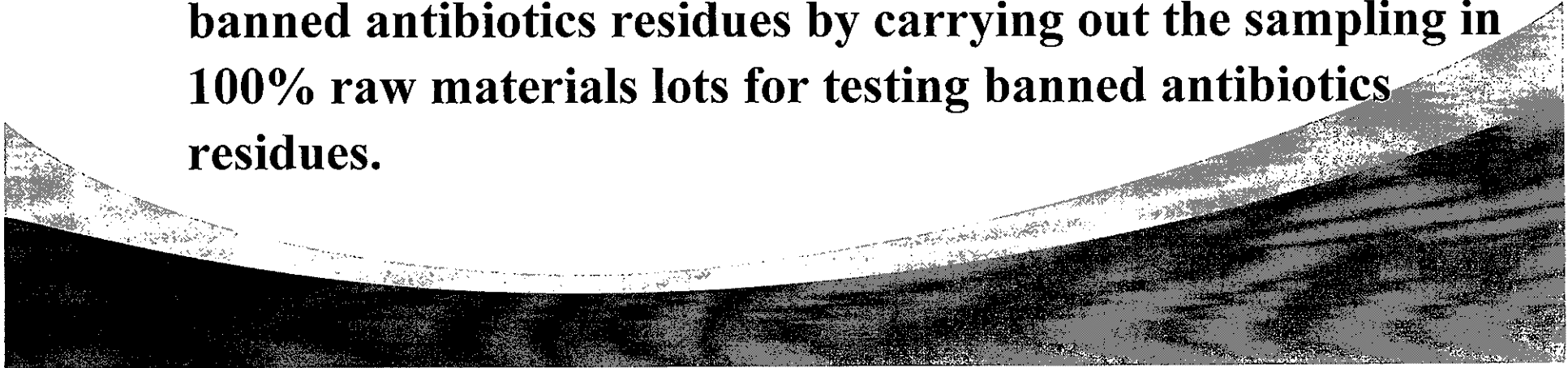
1.2. Notification status of Vietnamese fishery consignments in Japan:

- From December 20, 2006 to June 30, 2007 :

+ 71 fishery consignments (14 squids and 57 shrimp and composed products consignments – equivalent to 1,6% of the total export)) were notified for CAP and AOZ residues.

1.3. Comments on applied control measures in compliance with the Decision 1052/QD-BTS

+ Effectiveness :

- **Number of notified consignments had been reduced (from 4,6 % within last 6 months of 2006 to 1,6% within first 6 months of 2007). However, percentage of notified consignments in comparison with the total exported to Japan is still high.**
 - **Processing establishments are more aware of control of banned antibiotics residues by carrying out the sampling in 100% raw materials lots for testing banned antibiotics residues.**
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+ Shortcomings :

- Do not allow to inspect 100% of fishery consignments exported to Japan for banned antibiotics residues (only 13,7% exported consignments were tested for banned antibiotics residues and 21,1% exporting establishments had been required to pass par NAFIQAVED for the certification of their exported consignments).

- Processing establishments that are not met sectorial requirements on hygiene conditions and food safety were still allowed to export their products to Japan.

- Strong penalty measures had not been applied to notified establishments (temporary suspension of their export to Japan).