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Israel bans fish exports from GazaÂ

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Israeli Ministry of Agriculture has banned the export of fish from the Gaza Strip to the occupied West Bank under the pretext that attempts have been made to smuggle fish into Israeli markets.

According to the ministry, the ban was imposed after a truck transporting fish from Gaza was intercepted at the Rantis checkpoint on its way from the West Bank to Israel. This smuggling attempt included about 8.5 tons of fish and seafood that have not been monitored and may pose a real danger to public health. It is suspected that the fish were destined for sale to restaurants in the city of Haifa. seafood, which is not under any monitoring procedure, including Amberjack, White Grouper, Spanish Mackerel, sea bass and black tuna.

Israel authority approved 40 tons of fish to import from the Gaza Strip to the West Bank, about two months ago, in a manner that allows for overseeing and ensuring that unmonitored produce does not spill over and harm the health of the public, animals and plants in Israel.