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China denies permission to Taiwanese seafood exporters

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Chinese authorities have not given permission to more than 100 Taiwanese seafood exporters to ship their products to China. Taiwanese authorities are investigating for reasons, the Council of Agriculture (COA) said.

According to the local media, due to this the affected products mainly include squid, Pacific saury and forefinger threadfin. applications from over 100 Taiwanese exporters are being held up, while only one exporter has been granted approval, the COA has asked the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration to clarify the matter with Chinese authorities.

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Since June, China's General Administration of Customs has gradually halted the import of grouper, large head hairtail and horse mackerel from Taiwan, a ban which was later expanded to include products of multiple Taiwanese food brands.