

>> Philippine chilled seafood exports set to resume in Qatar following lifting of import ban

The Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) of Qatar announced the lifting of its temporary ban on the importation of **chilled seafood** (such as fish, shrimp, squid, mussels, oysters, etc.) from the Philippines starting 15 November 2023 with specific control measures. Qatar MOPH has required the submission of a Certificate of Conformity issued by third party inspectors at the country of origin, before the products are shipped for export.

To date, below are the authorized third-party inspectors with corresponding contact details as published in the Qatar-MOPH Website:

Third Party Certification Body	Office Address	Contact Information
With Office Address/Testing Laboratory in the Philippines		
TÜV NORD Philippines	Unit 406-407 Common Goal Tower, Finance cor. Industry Sts., Madrigal Business Park (MBP), Ayala-Alabang 1780 Muntinlupa City	Tel No.: +6328807-6317; 8807-8446; 8809-0509 Email: phil@tuv-nord.com
TÜV Rheinland Philippines	G/F La Fuerza Building 1, 2241 Don Chino Roces Avenue 1231 Makati City	Tel No.: +63288128887 Email: info@phl.tuv.com
Intertek Testing Services Philippines, Inc.	Head Office and Central Laboratory Intertek Building 2307 Chino Roces Avenue Extension Barangay Magallanes, Makati City	Tel No.: +632 8540 0506; +632 8540 0508 Email: inquiryph@intertek.com
With Office Address/Testing Laboratory in other ASEAN Country		
TÜV Austria	TÜV AUSTRIA SINGAPORE PTE. LTD. 4 BATTERY ROAD #25-0, Bank of China Building, Singapore	Email: office@tuvaustria.com

For an updated list of authorized third-party pre-shipment inspectors, exporters may regularly visit

<https://www.moph.gov.qa/english/derpartments/healthaffairs/foodsafety/Pages/Publications.aspx#page-3>

The temporary ban for frozen and chilled seafood was imposed in November 2022 as a precautionary measure to monitor the risk of contamination of fresh and frozen seafood products with *Vibrio cholerae* bacteria. The ban on frozen seafood products has been previously lifted last February 2023. Qatar has also lifted the temporary ban on imports from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

The Export Marketing Bureau strongly advises Philippine exporters to continue strict compliance with food safety regulations to ensure the continued acceptance of their products in Qatar and other export markets.

For further questions and clarifications, you may contact the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) at figd@bfar.da.gov.ph or EMB Market and Product Officers at mid@dti.gov.ph and famd@dti.gov.ph.