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**ACTIONS BY THE NATIONAL FISHERIES HEALTH AGENCY (SANIPES)
TO IMPROVE FISHERIES HEALTH**

COMMUNICATION FROM PERU

The following communication, received on 30 September 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Peru.

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1. On behalf of the National Fisheries Health Service (SANIPES), Peru would like to provide a progress report on the actions taken to improve fisheries health since SANIPES entered into operation as the fisheries and aquaculture health authority.
 2. Since June 2015, SANIPES has held two accreditations under international standards: the first, to ISO/IEC 17025, was obtained for the testing laboratory for official control activities, and the second, to ISO/IEC 17020, for the official monitoring and control activities of the Aquaculture Supervisory Subdirectorate's Bivalve Mollusc Control Programme, as an inspection body.
 3. As regards the management of health certification and approval formalities, SANIPES obtained certification to ISO 9001 in July 2015 after introducing a quality management system that provides an effective means of improving the administration and management of products and services offered by the Fisheries and Aquaculture Approval and Certification Directorate, in relation to trade in fisheries and aquaculture products.
 4. Since its entry into operation, SANIPES has been taking steps to provide a better service for users, as a result of which, in the course of this year, the processing time for the approval of fisheries establishments and for registering and obtaining permits to import fisheries products into Peru was reduced by 25%, while the processing time for export certification of fisheries products was reduced by 40%.
 5. Finally, for any further information regarding SANIPES activities, please visit the agency's official website at <http://www.sanipes.gob.pe> or email atencionaladministrado@sanipes.gob.pe and certificaciones@sanipes.gob.pe.
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