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**PERU - GUIDE TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY  
OF MAHI-MAHI EXPORTS**

COMMUNICATION FROM PERU

The following communication, received on 13 October 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Peru.

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1. Peru would like to notify WTO Members of the work being done by the National Fisheries Health Service (SANIPES) to improve the safety of Peruvian exports of mahi-mahi (*Coryphaena hippurus*).
  2. SANIPES is a specialized technical agency attached to the Ministry of Production. It seeks to promote the growth and sustainable development of the production and marketing of fishery and aquaculture products and resources, in accordance with international standards, and to protect life and public health. The creation of SANIPES, in 2013, strengthened the fisheries health authority, enhancing its technical and scientific competitiveness.
  3. SANIPES is currently working with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to establish cooperation mechanisms that will facilitate the marketing of mahi-mahi resources in the United States.
  4. In this respect, with a view to ensuring safety and traceability, SANIPES has developed a guide to mahi-mahi catch chilling methods and good stowage and preservation practices, and a number of rating tables with verbal and numerical scales for the sensory evaluation of fish and seafood freshness.
  5. Peru would be grateful if questions concerning the guide and tables could be sent by email to: [karla.verastegui@sanipes.gob.pe](mailto:karla.verastegui@sanipes.gob.pe) and [edmundovargas@sanipes.gob.pe](mailto:edmundovargas@sanipes.gob.pe).
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