

**2009 FDA IMPORT REFUSALS DATA DEMONSTRATES
CONTINUING PROBLEM WITH BANNED AND POTENTIALLY
DANGEROUS CHEMICALS AND DRUGS IN CHINESE AND
VIETNAMESE “CATFISH”**

This year to-date (through October, 2009), the FDA has initiated import refusal actions on:

-- Five shipments of **Chinese Ictalurus** were refused entry. One was tainted with chloramphenicol, a carcinogen, and the others with unnamed illegal vet drugs including one shipment that was also described as having an unnamed “unsafe food additive.”

-- Nine shipments of **Chinese Tilapia** have been refused entry due to contamination with unnamed illegal vet drugs, salmonella and one for being “filthy.” One shipment of **Vietnamese Tilapia** was refused in July for unnamed illegal vet drugs.

-- Eight shipments of **Vietnamese Pangasius** (7 were swai; 1 was basa) were refused entry due to contamination with unnamed illegal vet drugs. In addition, one of the six shipments was illegally labeled as “catfish.” The basa was found to have salmonella.

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