

## China imposes new import ban on Taiwan's fish products

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Taiwan will redirect seafood exports to Southeast Asia from China after a fresh ban imposed by China. Officials in Taiwan are criticising it as politically motivated.

According to the Taiwanese media, China has imposed a new import ban on Taiwan's fish products including the East Asian four-finger, skipjack tuna, Pacific saury, and squid, referring to registration issues.

According to Taiwan's Council of Agriculture (COA), more than 178 items have been affected by the new measure by China. Most of the banned seafood is shipped to China for canning before being exported to other markets. The Taiwan government will help businesses hit by the Chinese ban divert goods to Southeast Asian countries. Taiwan is also boasting food processing countries, such as Thailand and Vietnam, according to COA.

Earlier this year, China stopped importing fish from Taiwan over the alleged detection of prohibited chemicals. The latest ban involves more seafood and beverages like beer and sorghum liquor.