

Ecuador's Shrimp Exports Rise to 600,000 tons in First Semester After a Record June

According to data released by Ecuador's National Chamber of Aquaculture (CNA), the country's shrimp exports rose in volume during the first half of 2023 but remained stable in value compared to the same period last year.

Ecuador exported 606,049 metric tons of shrimp amounting to \$3.278 billion in export income from January to June, a 19% increase in volume, though with no change in overall value compared to the first six months of 2022.

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as the main market for Ecuadorian shrimp. During the first half of 2023, exports to China totaled 375,591 tons valued at \$1.944 billion, while the EU—previously Ecuador's second largest market—showed significant drops in export volume and value of 12% (to 79,609 tons) and 25% (to \$369 million), respectively, for that six-month period.

The steepest drops were seen in Spain, with volume down 12% (to 27,615 tons) and value down 25% (to \$141 million).

Source: Undercurrent News



USA: Texas Representative Introduces Bill to Increase FDA Testing of Imported Shrimp

Rep. Randy Weber (TX-14) co-sponsored the Laws Ensuring Safe Shrimp (LESS) Act, which would enhance the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) ability to test imported shrimp upon entry to the country.

The bill would assist in ensuring that the FDA can make sure that imported shrimp is "free of antibiotic residues, up to our health standards, and is not the product of illegal, unregulated, or unreported fishing by the People's Republic of China."

The bill also provides the US Department of Agriculture with funds to purchase more domestic shrimp for use in school systems, food banks, and disaster relief programs

Source: Seafood Source



Port of Guayaquil to Install Four Hybrid HRTG Gantry Cranes

The Guayaquil Port Terminal has announced that during the first half of August it will install four third-generation, eco-friendly, hybrid HRTG gantry cranes to aid in reducing fuel consumption.

The new cranes will be equipped with intelligent security systems used in major ports throughout the world. This equipment will join the port's seven current RTG yard cranes to enable streamlining operations.

The announcement was made on July 4 which was the terminal's 17th anniversary. Since its inception, the terminal has mobilized 4.5 million containers and invested more than US\$163 million in crane purchases, dock expansion, and support areas.

Source: Noticias Logística y Transporte CL

