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Release of a Detained Seafood Shipment in Spain

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Report Highlights:

The FAS Madrid office, in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Spanish authorities found a solution to a documentation problem that caused fifteen containers of U.S. seafood to be rejected in a Spanish port. FAS Madrid facilitated the presentation of replacement documents that resulted in the release of the fifteen containers of U.S. seafood valued at approximately \$1.2 million.

General Information:

The FAS Madrid office, in conjunction with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Spanish authorities found a solution to a documentation problem that caused fifteen containers of U.S. seafood to be rejected in a Spanish port.

By working closely with the Spanish Health Authorities and in strict cooperation with NOAA it was possible for new sanitary certificates to be issued that were then presented to the port's Veterinarian Inspection Team. The containers carrying an estimated U.S. \$ 1.2 million in seafood originating in the State of Washington were subsequently approved to enter the EU's single market zone on May 19, 2011.