

# 1. The Catfish Inspection Program

<b>Dec 2, 2015</b>	<b>90 days</b>	<b>Mar 1, 2016</b>	<b>18-month</b>	<b>Aug 2, 2017</b>	<b>Sep 1, 2017</b>
Final rule published		Effective date	Transitional period	Ahead of schedule enforcement	Full enforcement

WHEN?

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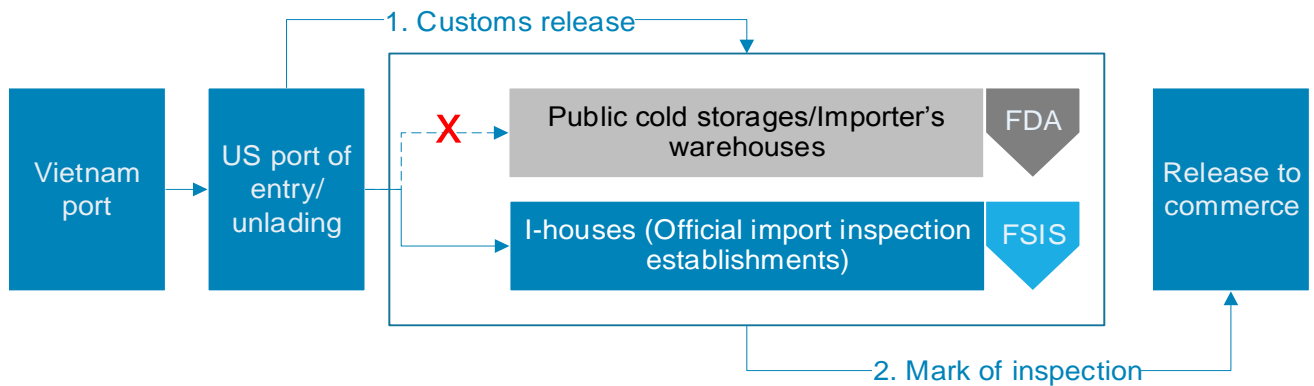
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Note: Beginning Aug 02, 2017, all shipments of imported Siluriformes fish and fish products entering the United States (U.S.) must be presented to FSIS at an Official Import Inspection Establishment within 30 days for reinspection by FSIS personnel, and accompany foreign inspection certificates.

WHERE & BY WHOM?



Note: **FSIS** is the US central competent authority responsible for regulating and inspecting meat, poultry, egg products, and Siluriformes fish.

Products which enters commerce bypassing FSIS reinspection constitutes a FTP (failure-to-present) and will be subject to recall.

There are only 45 [i-houses](#) as of Sep 5, 2017.

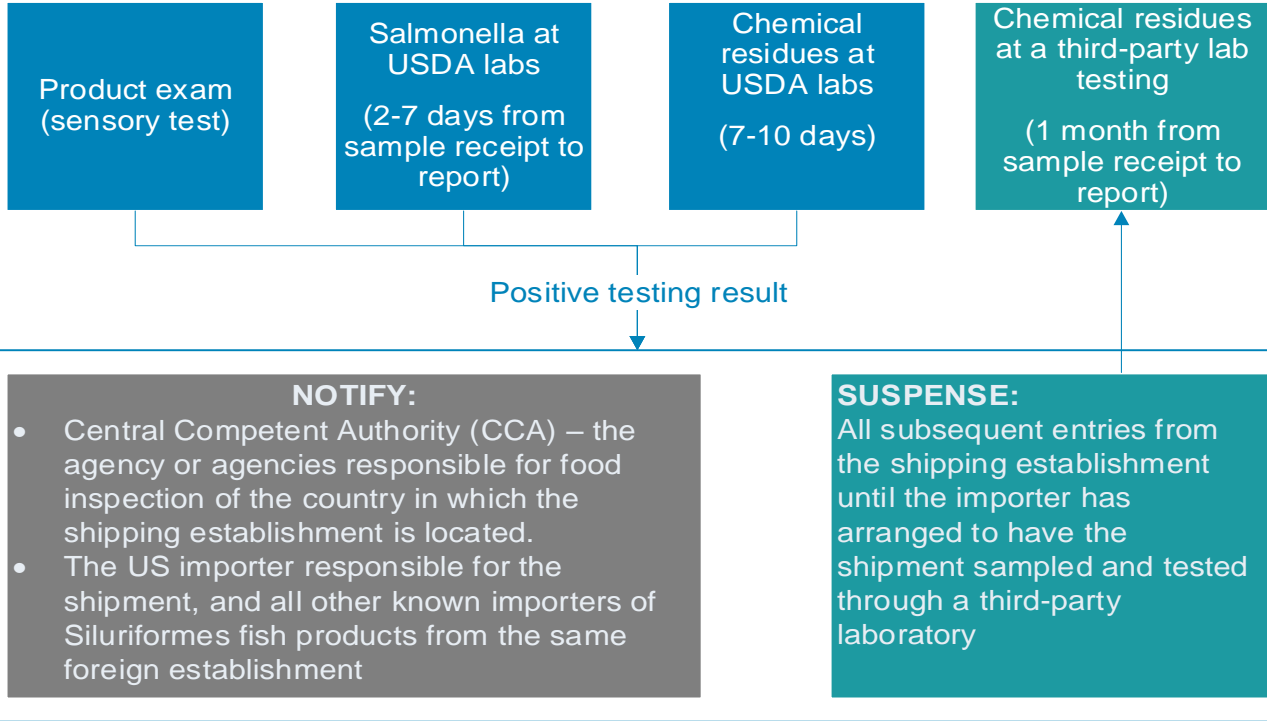
At a particular i-house, each FSIS inspector undertakes inspection activities for different products: meat, poultry, egg, and Siluriformes fish.

*Implications:*

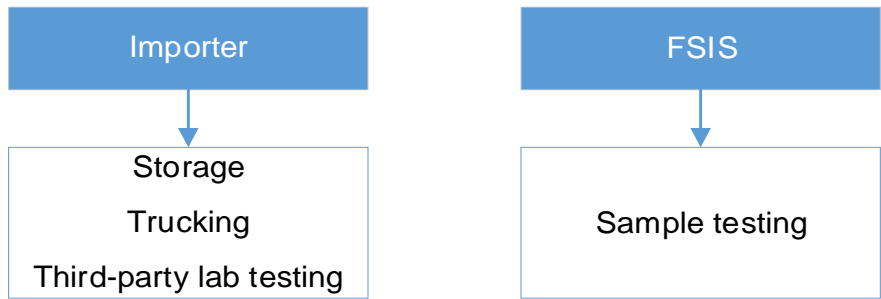
- Limitation in number of i-houses, i-house capacity and available FSIS staffers may result in delay, additional trucking costs, and inventory buildup.
- Possible delays in release to commerce may result in lower supply and higher selling price.

Scope: Targets all imported fish and fish products of the order Siluriformes (Ictaluridae – catfish, Clariidae, Pangasius)  
 Reinspection method: Sampling  
 Sampling protocol: hold-and-test

**WHAT & HOW LONG?**

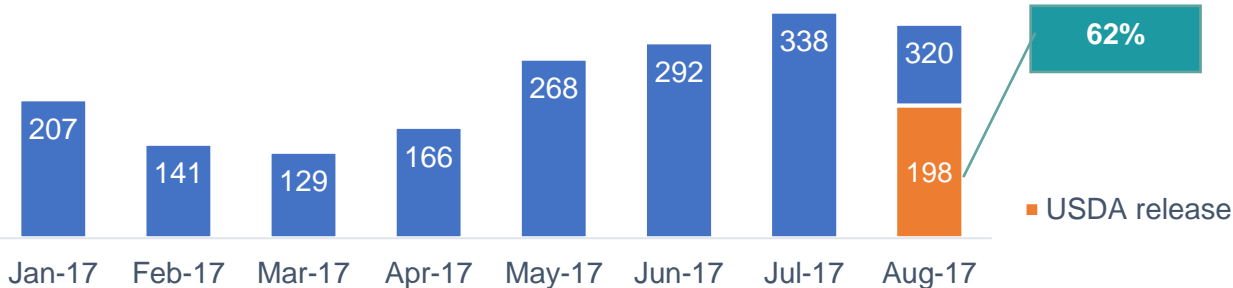


**WHO BEARS THE COSTS?**



WHERE ARE WE UP TO?

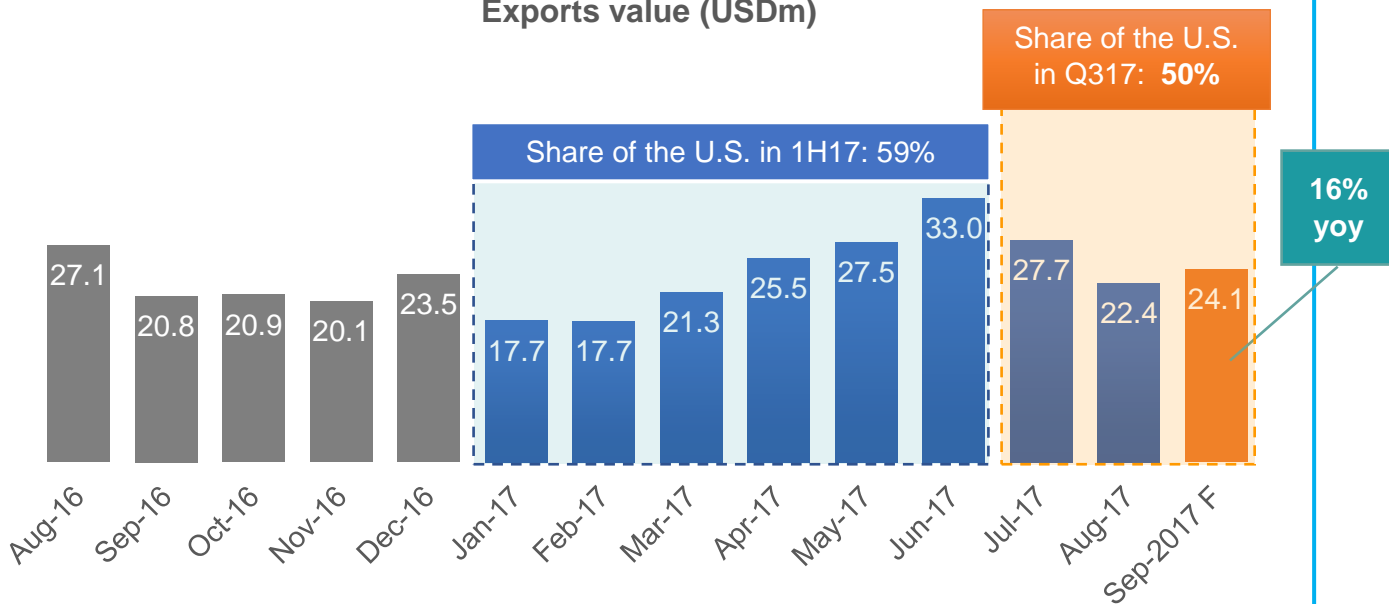
### Vinh Hoan's monthly shipments arrived in the U.S. (containers)



Source: Vinh Hoan Corporation

WHAT TO EXPECT?

### Exports value (USDm)



Source: Vinh Hoan Corporation

## 2. Equivalence Process

Note:

**Equivalence process:** is the process of determining whether a country's food safety inspection system achieves FSIS's appropriate level of protection for public health as applied domestically in the U.S.

### Document review by FSIS

