

Due to a salmon virus outbreak in Chile, J.Kings will be purchasing their salmon from aquaculture farms in Maine and Canada.

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Salmon Virus Indicts Chile's Fishing Methods

A virus called infectious salmon [anemia](#), or I.S.A., is killing millions of salmon destined for export to Japan, Europe and the United States. The spreading plague has sent shivers through Chile's third-largest export industry, which has left local people embittered by laying off more than 1,000 workers.

But the latest outbreak has occurred after a rash of nonviral illnesses in recent years that the companies acknowledge have led them to use high levels of [antibiotics](#). Researchers say the practice is widespread in the Chilean industry, which is a mix of international and Chilean producers. Some of those antibiotics, they say, are prohibited for use on animals in the United States.

The new virus is spreading, but it has primarily affected the fish of Marine Harvest, a Norwegian company that is the world's biggest producer of farm-raised salmon and exports about 20 percent of the salmon that come from Chile.

Since discovering the virus in Chile last July, Marine Harvest has closed 14 of its 60 centers and announced it would lay off 1,200 workers, or one-quarter of its Chilean operation. Since the company announced last month that it would move south, to Aysén, the

government has said the virus has spread there as well, in two outbreaks not involving Marine Harvest.

The F.D.A. is planning an inspection trip to assess Chile's overall controls on its farmed salmon.

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