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Between December the 10th and January the 20th, the French environmental enforcement of the Occitanie region and French Guyana led **32 inspections** aiming to control trade in caviar from sturgeon species (*Acipenseriformes* spp.).

Inspections focused on the lot identification number, the non-reusable labels affixed to each primary container and the seal of the primary container by those labels. When the non-reusable labels did not seal containers properly, controls looked at whether the caviar was packaged in such a manner as to permit visual evidence of any opening of the container or not.

17 controls detected non-compliance to the caviar labelling provisions. Environmental police have opened **29 enquiries**.

329 primary containers corresponding to 9,750kg of caviar of sturgeon, for a value approximate to 15000€, were seized during this operation.

Caviar seized comes from processing plants in France and China. Depackaging plants are located in France, Germany and Spain.

