FISH IN NATURA COMMERCIALIZED AT THE MUNICIPAL MARKET OF BRAGANÇA, NORTHEAST OF PARA: AN ASSESSMENT OF HYGIENIC-SANITARY QUALITY

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The aim of this work was to evaluate the hygienic-sanitary conditions sale of fish, in the fish market in the city of Bragança, to identify possible risks to public health. The survey was conducted in January 2012 in 06 marketing places. Initially there were species of fish that were commercialized and subsequently evaluated the physical and hygienic-sanitary conditions of the marketing places such as: installations, raw materials, manipulators, equipment and utensils, and garbage collection, following a “checklist” prepared by staff. The fishes more commercialized were Scomberomorus brasilienses, Cynoscion acoupa and Cynoscion virescens. Regarding the physical installations of the market, all boxes visited were in disagreement with the law. The fishes were exposed on the counters without refrigeration and without protection against dust and insects, increasing the chance of contamination of fish for sale. From the 100% of the exposed fish, 17% were in piles into “baskets” and counters and 83% were exposed side by side on counters. It was found that 100% of the manipulators used hat 83%, 16% used apron, while 100% did not use gloves. The physical structure of the boxes it was found that 100% were stands for sale made of bricks and cement. Observing the lack of individual garbage collectors, contributing to the presence of fish waste easily found on the ground of some boxes. It was observed the restructuring necessity of the infrastructure of the local market, training and awareness of manipulators through sanitary vigilance action.

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