

Moz fish imports probed

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DURBAN. — The row over Mozambican fish imports will be investigated further next week, when two senior Cape officials from the Department of Sea Fisheries visit Natal.

Mr Rudi Laan and Mr Jacques van Zyl are expected to visit here on Wednesday and Richards Bay on Thursday.

They will hear arguments from Natal fishermen who oppose imports on the basis that cheaper Mozambican imports could put many local fishermen out of jobs, and because some of the fish is alleged to be a health risk.

The pro-import lobby say only limited quantities of fish are being imported, and that free-market principles should apply.

Mr Laan said new import permits had been frozen, but existing permits were still valid pending the outcome of his department's investigation.

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