

Name **Ha Long Fried Calamari**
Country **Vietnam**

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Main characteristics/features

Ha Long fried calamari are light yellow in colour. They are salty and naturally sweet. During the processing stage they seldom need to be supplied with food additives (e.g. salt, monosodium glutamate).

Organoleptic properties: salty, naturally sweet, crispy, crunchy, chewy, not porous.

Flavour: typical flavour.

Shape: rounded.

Average thickness (cm): 0.9—1.16.

Average diameter (cm): 5.1—5.6.

Production/processing

The origin of the raw material: $\geq 70\%$ cuttlefish caught from the Gulf of Tonkin.
Species: 100% cuttlefish; fishing season: January to March; freezing: in bags for a period of 5—7 days (-25°C to -15°C) before storing in a cabinet at a constant temperature.

The cuttlefish are crushed by hand using a stone pestle and mortar or a grinding machine. They are then fried in a pan at a controlled temperature. The finished products are put on stainless steel shelves to remove the excess fat and for cooling.

Geographical area

The Ha Long fried calamari production area is located in Ha Long City in Quang Ninh province, Vietnam.

Link between product and territory

In the Gulf of Tonkin, the surface salinity is lower and more stable than on the Central Coast, therefore the cuttlefish in the Gulf of Tonkin have a 15—21% lower salt concentration compared to elsewhere. The Gulf of Tonkin receives a large amount of fresh water from rivers with plankton species rich in inorganic and organic matter, which is an excellent food supply for cuttlefish. The amount of essential amino acids found in cuttlefish from the Gulf of Tonkin is 6—36% higher than that found in cuttlefish from the Central Coast.

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Competent authority

National Office of Intellectual Property of Vietnam

GI right holder/GI association

The People's Committee of Ha Long city

Contact information

Type of product

Fish

Control body

Economic Chamber of the People's committee of Ha Long City

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Websites