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**To:** All Seafood Exporters to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

**From:** Timothy Hansen   
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**Subject:** Submission of Information for Imported Seafood Products to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

This letter is to inform United States Seafood exporters of recent reforms in the regulations of The Social Republic of Vietnam. Vietnam is now requiring Appendix 3 of the Circular 25 *Guiding On the Food Hygiene and Safety Control For Imported Foodstuffs of Animal Origin*, which you will find on our web site at: <http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/>. In order for products to be allowed into commerce in Vietnam this information must be given by the exporter to the Government of Vietnam.

Vietnam requires all exporters that wish to export meat and poultry products to complete “Circular 25 Appendix 3 Document” before December 31, 2010. Exporters should work closely with importers and with industry organizations such as USMEF and USAPEEC for assistance in obtaining the Circular 25 form, Appendix 3, and submitted to U.S. Embassy Hanoi staff on or before Friday, December 31, 2010 at the following e-mail address or fax number:

[usda4circ25@gmail.com](mailto:usda4circ25@gmail.com); Or fax it to U.S. Embassy Hanoi staff at: (011 - 84-4) 3850 – 5130.

The Seafood Inspection Program requests that you send us a copy of your email or fax to [Steven.Wilson@noaa.gov](mailto:Steven.Wilson@noaa.gov) or fax 301-713-1081. We want to ensure that your firm is placed on the tentative list of exporters on the Vietnam Approved Shippers List.

You may also complete the form and submit it electronically to the Seafood Inspection Program to [Steven.Wilson@noaa.gov](mailto:Steven.Wilson@noaa.gov). The responses will be collected together and forwarded to Vietnam with a cover letter from the US Government to be signed by NOAA and FDA. It is important to understand that NOAA and FDA cannot require the collection of this information. It is voluntary but will be necessary in order to export to Vietnam. Please contact us if you have any questions at 301-713-2355.

In addition to Vietnam Circular 25, a blank copy of Appendix 3 to be completed and an example of a completed Appendix 3 may be found on the Seafood Inspection Program web site.