



Brazil - Certification Requirements

Other Information

Tolerances and Guidelines

Total Mercury:

- 0.5 ppm for non-carnivore fish
- 1.0 ppm for carnivore fish.

Certification Requirements

In January, 2010, Brazilian Ministry, The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Control published aquatic health regulations on the fishery products into Brazil. These new regulations are within the scope of their authority under OIE and WTO guidelines and are currently in effect. The Seafood Inspection Program (SIP) will continue to issue certification to those US facilities that have applied to be part of the USDC SIP program upon lot inspection and will give industry until December 30, 2011 to become a participant under the program. The purposes of the new regulations are to protect wild and farmed resources and to maintain their health status in order for Brazil to export fishery products to the other countries. Brazil will require importers in Brazil to obtain import permits prior to bringing seafood products into Brazil; US exporters to be under the US competent authority control; US exporters to submit prior facility approval; product shipments to have US competent authority documentation. The Brazilian regulations request that the export certificates be bilingual with English/Portuguese text. This Regulation has been suspended until further notice. SIP will be requesting the approval of a bilingual certificate for US Exporters use until a Brazilian model is agreed upon and approved.

Impacts on US competent authority and exporters

The USDC NOAA Fisheries Seafood Inspection Program (SIP) is the competent US authority for aquatic health certification for wild-harvested seafood exports (live and products) intended for human consumption, as per MOU between NOAA Fisheries and USDA/APHIS.

For fishery products destined for Brazil, NOAA SIP has agreed to:

- Forward "Letters of Request for Approval" from US exporters to DIPOA
- Approve processing facilities under the USDC SIP Approved facilities program prior to export certification
- Certify the product and species being exported



- Verify that the exporter is on the Brazilian Approved List (Ministério da Agricultura, Pecuária e Abastecimento – MAPA , Secretaria de Defesa Agropecuária – SDA, Departamento de Inspeção de Produtos de Origem Animal – DIPOA, Serviço de Inspeção Federal – SIF)
- Verify the exporter completed label registration forms prior to submission. (Label Packages will be scanned and sent to SIP HQ after supervisory review. SIP HQ will return electronic approval and then the packages will be forwarded to US Embassy Brazil via the regional offices)
- Lot inspect all shipments
- Issue SIP Export Health certificates for all shipments. (English/Portuguese certificate to be Approved) The standard US Export Health certificate designed for Brazil will continue to be issued.

US Exporters will be required to follow the guidelines listed below for the exportation of fishery products to Brazil.

- Forward a “Letter of Request for Approval” to the regional SIP office, to be forwarded by the SIP to gain placement on the Brazilian Approved list. Regional SIP will review and verify the letters then forward to SIP HQ for final approval and forwarding to US Embassy Brazil
- US Processing facility must be under the USDC SIP Approved facilities program prior to export
- After Facility Registration is approved, the US facility must identify a Brazilian importer and complete a label registration form. (NOAA will sign this for verification, only for USDC SIP Approved Facilities)
- The label registration form package must be presented to Regional SIP offices, to be forwarded to FAS on to DIPOA for approval after review and verification from the regional supervisor and approval from SIP HQ. All products destined for Brazil will have a USDC/NOAA/SIP inspection prior to departure.
- All inspected product must have the SIP Export Health certification for Brazil prior to shipment.

These requirements are the procedural points as agreed to by NOAA Fisheries through the US Embassy/USDA for Brazil during March 2012 meetings.

Follow these instructions to find an updated Approved List of US Exporters to Brazil:

http://sigsif.agricultura.gov.br/sigsif_cons/lap_exportador_hab_pais_rep_net

- Then choose: Pais: "Estados Unidos"
- Area: " Pescado"
- Do not choose anything on " Produto" leave in blank
- Then press " relatorio"
- Every time it generates an updated pdf list.



Label Approval Packages can be requested from: Priscila.Ming@fas.usda.gov

Use the following instructions as guidance for completion of the Label Submittal processing.

- 2 Copies must be submitted for each label
- Sketches in original form and color (if not actual size dimension shall be indicated)
- Each label will have at least the following information:
 - Trade name of fish (from Infopesca list in Portuguese)
 - Firm name, address, CFN or FEI number
 - How product is preserved
 - Production and expiration dates on primary and master packaging (actual dates)

Completing the Label Registration Package (Circular 42/2010) Annex I

- 1.1 Enter the "NOAA Seafood Inspection Program"
- 1.2 Blank space for U.S.
- 1.3 Enter sequential label number/CFN
- 1.4 Leave Blank
- 1.5 Company Name
- 1.6 Company Address
- 2 Petition to DIPOA with Name and signature
- 3 Check the appropriate box
- 4.1 Enter name of product (Infopesca in Portuguese)
- 4.2 Enter the Brand Name
- 5.1 Check appropriate box
- 5.2 Check appropriate box
- 6.1 Enter declared net weights
- 6.2 Enter all possible net weights firm may use
- 7 Enter producer address
- 8 Enter signature and typed name of plant legal representative and address
- 9.1 Enter the "NOAAA Seafood Inspection Program"
- 9.2 Enter sequential plant label number/CFN
- 10 Enter all ingredients in rounded percentages (e.g. 19% or <1%)
- 11 Enter flow diagram of production and complete description of production methodology
- 12 Enter a complete description of methodology
- 13 Enter a description of storage conditions (e.g.. required temperatures)
- 14 Enter a complete description of the food safety and quality controls
- 15 Enter a complete description of transportation conditions and controls



- 16 Generally should be left blank
- 17 Enter all specialized regulatory requirements specific to the product (e.g. LACF registration, time/temperature parameters)
- 18 Enter address of production firm
- 19 Enter name of legal representative and signature

Completing the Label Registration (Circular 42/2010) Annex III

- 1 Trade name of product (Infopesca in Portuguese)
- 2 Ingredients in descending order including additives
- 3 Name of producer
- 4 CFN or FEI
- 5 Lot Identification
- 6 Date of Production (day/month/year)
- 7 Date of Expiration (day/month/year)
- 8 Net Weight
- 9 Registration number of SIF/DIPOA (4 figures/sanitary control number), country of origin,

All inspected product must have the SIP Export Health certification for Brazil prior to shipment. Questions regarding the status of label package reviews can be forwarded to Jenny.Stephenson@noaa.gov.