



Seafood Inspection Program
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In order for Foulger Pratt to repair critical electrical components in building housing the headquarters office of the Seafood Inspection Program, a building wide power outage has been scheduled from **5:00 PM EST Friday December 19th, until 4:00 PM EST Sunday December 21st**. During the outage window the computer system and services which provide access to the export certificates of the Seafood Inspection Program will be unavailable.

For the remainder of the week, going into the weekend and the shutdown, the Seafood Inspection Program will allow “Batch” certificates for ALL products going into the EU. This will provide firms sending a large number of shipments to gain access to the system early and have certificates available for when the shipment occurs on the weekend.

The Seafood Inspection Program will also be able to issue certificates manually using our PDF document system. Therefore there will be no disruption of service, although a small additional time may be necessary to complete the documentation.

As the system will be down, the online verification of certificates by receiving countries will not be available. However we have contacted those concerned and they are aware of the issue. Trade will not be disrupted. If a shipment is to be verified, the importing country will contact the Seafood Inspection Program using the agreed upon process and the certificate will be verified manually. Again, there should be no unusual disruption of trade or shipments.

If you have questions regarding getting a certificate over the weekend, please contact your local inspection office.