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NOAA FISHERIES

Seafood Inspection Program



EXPORTERS

Your Global Seafood Inspection Solution

We Can Help You Trade Your Products Worldwide

We can be your Quality Assurance Program overseas and within the U.S. All types of establishments such as vessels, processing plants, and retail facilities may receive these services. All edible product forms ranging from whole fish to formulated products, as well as fish meal products used for animal foods, are eligible for inspection and certification.

The program is the competent authority within the U.S. Government for issuance of health certificates for export of fish and fishery products to foreign countries. The official government forms and certificates issued by USDC inspectors are legal documents recognized in any U.S. court.

Our Vision

“An informed society that has confidence in the seafood that they purchase, sell and consume today and in the future.”

Our Mission

To ensure the safety and quality as well as enhance the marketability and sustainability of seafood products for the benefit of the American consumer by providing science based inspection services to the seafood industry.



Exporters

Our official export certificates provide you and your customers with the assurances that the product meets applicable government requirements and identified purchaser's specifications. Inspection and certification can ensure that you receive products of consistent and desired quality, and avoid rejections which create voids in your distribution.

The USDC Seafood Inspection Program can:

- Certify to the foreign country's requirements
- Certify to purchasing specifications
- Provide certificates for each Lot of product inspected

Export Specific to the EU

The NOAA Seafood Inspection Program is the competent authority within the U.S. Government for issuance of certain certificates required for export of fish and fishery products to the European Union (EU). The program offers three documents required for export to the European Union. They are:

- EU Export Health Certificate
- EU IUU catch document for fisheries products harvested in the United States, to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing; and,
- The EU “Annex IV” catch document for products harvested in a country other than the United States but being exported through the United States to the EU, to prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing.

Under EU regulations, an Export Health Certificate is required as well as one of the two catch documents.

Export Specific to Non-EU

The NOAA Seafood Inspection Program certifies U.S. seafood products for export to any country requiring health certification. Country specific instructions and requirements are available for export to all non-EU countries.

Export Specific to China

All firms requesting an Export Health Certificate to China must be listed as an approved establishment in the USDC Seafood Inspection Program. All consignments must have been produced in an approved facility, and have a USDC SIP Export Health Certificate unique to the product and shipment.

The PRC food safety authorities require that all *“products were manufactured, packed, stored and transported under sanitary conditions under the supervision of the competent authority.”*

Helpful Links

Seafood Inspection Program

<http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

EU Fish & Fishery products Export List

<http://www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/importsexports/exporting/ucm126413.htm>

China Fish & Fishery Products Shippers List
CNCA

http://www.cnca.gov.cn/American_registered_in_China_aquatic_products_list.pdf