



Hong Kong - Certification Requirements

Acts and Regulations

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Safe Food and Public Health

Tolerances or Guidelines

Environmental Contaminants - Maximum level permitted in applicable fish products		
Metal	Applicable Fish Products	Maximum level permitted (in ppm)
Antimony	All fish products excluding molluscs and crustaceans other than crab, oyster, prawn and shrimp	1
Arsenic	All fish products (excluding molluscs and crustaceans) in solid form	6
Arsenic	All fish products in liquid form	0.14
Arsenic	All shellfish products (molluscs and crustaceans) in solid form	10
Arsenic	Marine mammals (seals)	1.4
Cadmium	All fish products excluding molluscs and crustaceans other than crab, oyster, prawn and shrimp	2
Cadmium	Marine mammals (seals)	0.2
Chromium	All fish products excluding molluscs and crustaceans other than crab, oyster, prawn and shrimp	1



Lead	All fish products in liquid form	1
Lead	All fish products in solid form	6
Mercury	All fish products	0.5
Tin	All fish products	230

The following hormones are prohibited for use in all fish products: dienestrol, diethylstilboestrol, hexoestrol and oestradiol.

Fish products exported to Hong Kong cannot contain preservatives or antioxidants unless specified in the following table.

Preservatives which are permitted in the following Fishery Products <i>only</i>		
Fishery Product	Preservative	Maximum level permitted
Fish ball, fish cake, and dried shredded fish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sorbic acid / Sodium sorbate / Potassium sorbate / Calcium sorbate • Benzoic acid / Sodium benzoate / Potassium Benzoate / Calcium benzoate • Methyl para-hydroxybenzoate • Ethyl para-hydroxybenzoate • Propyl para-hydroxybenzoate 	1000 ppm
Fish sauce	Sulphur dioxide / Sulphurous acid / Sodium sulphite / Sodium hydrogen sulphite / Sodium metabisulphite / Potassium sulphite / Potassium metabisulphite / Calcium sulphite / Calcium hydrogensulphite	350 ppm
Fish sauce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benzoic acid / Sodium benzoate / Potassium Benzoate / Calcium benzoate • Methyl para-hydroxybenzoate 	800 ppm



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethyl para-hydroxybenzoate • Propyl para-hydroxybenzoate 	
Gelatin	Sulphur dioxide / Sulphurous acid/ Sodium sulphite/ Sodium hydrogen sulphite/ Sodium metabisulphite / Potassium sulphite/ Potassium metabisulphite/ Calcium sulphite/ Calcium hydrogensulphite	1000 ppm
Gelatin capsules	Sorbic acid / Sodium sorbate / Potassium sorbate / Calcium sorbate	3000 ppm
Oyster sauce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benzoic acid / Sodium benzoate / Potassium Benzoate / Calcium benzoate • Methyl para-hydroxybenzoate • Ethyl para-hydroxybenzoate • Propyl para-hydroxybenzoate • Sorbic acid / Sodium sorbate / Potassium sorbate / Calcium sorbate 	1000 ppm
Prawn, shrimp and scampi	Sulphur dioxide / Sulphurous acid / Sodium sulphite / Sodium hydrogen sulphite / Sodium metabisulphite / Potassium sulphite / Potassium metabisulphite / Calcium sulphite / Calcium hydrogensulphite	200 ppm (in the edible part)
Shrimp paste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benzoic acid / Sodium benzoate / Potassium Benzoate / Calcium benzoate • Methyl para-hydroxybenzoate • Ethyl para-hydroxybenzoate • Propyl para-hydroxybenzoate 	1000 ppm

For further information please contact the importer/client in Hong Kong. Further details on the restrictions concerning the sale of food containing preservatives or antioxidants are available from the [Hong Kong Food and Environmental Hygiene Department](#)

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Certification is not required; however, USDC can provide General Health Export Certificate and Fish Certificate of Origin.