



New Zealand - Certification Requirements

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All firms requesting an export certificate must be listed as an Approved Establishment in the USDC Seafood Inspection Program. All consignments must have been produced in an Approved Facility, have a USDC SIP Lot inspection and a USDC SIP Export Health certificate unique to the product and shipment.

Other Information

Import Permit

In addition to a US certificate, certain products require a Permit to Import, which is issued by the government of New Zealand. A Permit to Import will be granted on a single consignment basis only.

Importation of trout and trout products into New Zealand for commercial use is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to the following trout species, either dead or alive, or any product containing:

- Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*)
- Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)
- American brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)
- Lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*)
- Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki*)
- Golden trout (*Oncorhynchus aguabonita*)
- Gila trout (*Oncorhynchus gilae*)
- Apache trout (*Oncorhynchus apache*)
- Mexican trout (*Oncorhynchus chrysogaster*)

or any hybrid of a fish listed above.

Commercial consignments of commercially packaged (non-trout) salmonids exported to New Zealand must be for direct retail sale and human consumption and require no further packaging and/or processing prior to retail sale or use in institutional trade. Commercial consignments do not require a permit to import but they must have a US certificate and must be eligible for biosecurity clearance at the New Zealand border.



The importation of salmonid products in **bulk form** (product which is intended to be further processed and/or packaged in New Zealand prior to retail sale or use in the institutional trade), requires a Permit to Import issued by the New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industries.

See details on the [importation of salmonids into New Zealand](#).

Tolerances and Guidelines

Mercury (total): 0.5 ppm

Arsenic: 1.0 ppm

Lead: 2.0 ppm

Fluorine: 10.0 ppm

Zinc: 40.0 ppm

Selenium: 2.0 ppm

Cadmium: 1.0 ppm

Tin: 150.0 ppm

Antimony: 1.0 ppm

Copper: 30.0 ppm

(These apply to fish and fish products on a fresh weight basis.)

Current applicable guidelines, standards and restrictions that can be applied to Canadian fish and fish products may be found in the [New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries website](#).
