



Russia - Certification Requirements and Related Documents

Acts and Regulations

Product Standards:

GOSSTANDART

Joint Russian Federation State Customs Committee and State Committee of the Russian Federation for Standardization, Metrology and Certification

Importation Regulations:

Ministry of Foreign Trade
32/34 Smolenskaya – Sennaya
Moscow G–200

Tolerances or Guidelines

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Fish (live, raw, refrigerated, frozen) viscera, minced blocks, fillets:

- freshwater non–predatory fish, fish oil: 0.3 ppm
- freshwater predatory fish: 0.6 ppm
- saltwater fish, fish liver and products made of fish liver, fish flour: 0.5 ppm
- milt, fish eggs, molluscs, crustaceans: 0.2 ppm
- seaweed: 0.1 ppm

Certification Requirement

Effective November 10, 2010 U.S. seafood firms in the supply chain desiring to produce, pack, store, or ship fish and fishery products for export to the Russian Federation must meet the requirements of the NOAA Seafood Inspection Program to be “approved establishments” in accordance with the regulations and policies of the NOAA Seafood Inspection Program. Only establishments approved by the NOAA Seafood Inspection Program and subsequently approved by Rosselkhoz nadzor, the Russian food safety agency, may receive certification from NOAA for export to the Russian Federation. This export procedure is required by Russian law and is in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding approved by United States and Russian officials; [current MOU](#) and [Federal Register Notice](#).



Any firm requesting an export health certificate for the Russian Federation must be listed on the [Russian Federation website](#) and be an [approved establishment with the NOAA Seafood Inspection Program](#). All operations within the supply chain for a specific lot of product being shipped to the Russian Federation, including vessels, storage warehouses, and processors, are to be approved establishments of the NOAA Seafood Inspection Program.

All supply chain points for a specific lot of product to be certified need not be listed on the Russian Federation website. However the requestor of the certificate may only request certificates for products that have originated, been handled, or processed by firms that are on the List of approved establishments for SIP. One exception exists, brokers, which may be listed on the Russian Federation site are not required to be approved establishments. Brokers are still required to send products that have met all the requirements.

Firms desiring to be listed on the Russian site of approved shippers must follow the following procedures:

- Submit your request to the nearest Seafood Inspection Program Regional Inspection Branch. When submitting the request firms must provide the full name of the firm to be listed, the CFN or FEI number, address, type of operation (broker, processor, vessel, etc.) and products to be included on the list.
- Submission requests for inclusion on the list are collected by SIP and submitted monthly. Inclusion on the list takes a minimum of 45 days from the time it is submitted by the NOAA Seafood Inspection Program to Rosselkhoznadzor.
- Once a firm is listed and desires a certificate, they are to contact the servicing Regional Inspection Branch for such a request. The product lot must not only originate from and be handled by approved establishments it must also be inspected either through in-plant inspection service or lot inspected. Firms must be able to provide evidence the product came through approved establishments throughout the supply chain. (Note: **As we work the final elements of the MOU, we are now only requiring the product be processed by an approved establishment. The industry will be notified through this website when it is required to have all points in the chain approved.**)
- Certificates must be issued prior to shipment.

This is the information SIP has at the moment for the Russian Federation. New Russian regulations are to be in force by January 1, 2012 and at this time it does not appear as if there will be any modifications to the MOU. However there are a number of analytical tests performed by the Russian border inspection posts and at



times there are issues related to these test results. SIP will investigate any positive findings and report back to the Russian Federation.