

Movement Within The EU Of Fish Oils Intended For Human Consumption.

It is the intention of the EU Commission that from November 2006 fish oils will fall within the scope of a fishery product as defined in Regulation 853/2004 - laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin. In accordance with the requirements of Regulation 853/2004 consignments of fish oils for movement within the EU must originate from approved fishery products establishments and fulfil the provisions laid down for 'fishery products in Annex III, Section VIII. Such consignments must also comply with the requirements for identification marking as outlined in Annex II.

These requirements will as yet only be applied to fish oils produced by Member States of the EU and not to consignments imported from third countries, which are currently not covered by existing hygiene legislation. However, it is anticipated that by November 2007 the same requirements applicable to other imported fishery products will be extended to consignments of fish oil for human consumption originating in third countries.

As and when amendments to the hygiene regulations come into force we will publish an update to this information note.

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