

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO EXPORTING FISHERY PRODUCTS AND BIVALVE MOLLUSCS FROM APPROVED NON-EU COUNTRIES TO THE UK

This guide summarises advice on exports of fishery products and bivalve molluscs from approved non-EU countries to the UK. These are non-European Union (EU) countries that have been visited by the European Commission for hygiene checks and are permitted to import fishery products or bivalve molluscs to the EU under specific conditions.

1. Using Tables 1 and 2

Two tables showing approved non-EU countries authorised to export to the UK are below. Table 1 applies to fishery products and Table 2 applies to bivalve molluscs. All consignments of fishery products or bivalve molluscs must come from authorised establishments and be accompanied by a health certificate as set out in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1250/2008 (see link to Regulation in the tables). For USA and New Zealand different certification requirements apply, and Table 1 gives the link to the appropriate Commission Decision and health certificate.

Notes on further import restrictions are included.

A list of approved establishments and production areas can be found on the European Commission web-site at:

https://sanco.ec.europa.eu/traces/output/listsPerActivity_en.htm

2. What does your consignment contain?

If your consignment contains fishery products such as crustaceans (these include prawns, lobsters, crayfish, crabs and shrimps), all cephalopods (these include octopus, squid and cuttlefish), aquaculture products (these include farmed salmon, trout, prawns or shrimps), but not mammals such as whales, then refer to Table 1.

If your consignment contains bivalve molluscs (these include oysters, mussels, clams, cockles and scallops), echinoderms (these include sea urchins and sea cucumbers), tunicates (these include sea squirts) or marine gastropods (these include whelks, winkles and abalone), then refer to Table 2.

3. Important information

Any country not on Table 1 will not be able to export fishery products to the UK, and any country not on Table 2 will not be able to export bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in whatever form.

All consignments should be clearly and indelibly labelled showing the country of origin and the approved establishment number in accordance with Annex II of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004. Further details can be found in FIN/06/2007 at

http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/imports/want_to_import/fisheryproducts/

Live fish or shellfish being imported into the UK require an import licence, in addition to health certification laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1250/2008. Licences are issued by the 'Fish Health Inspectorate', which is part of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries & Aquaculture Science (CEFAS). For an application form contact CEFAS on 01305 206673, or by fax on 01305 206602. For more information on CEFAS see their website at www.cefasc.co.uk.

Further information about veterinary checks and notification of Border Inspection Posts can be found at:

<http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/imports/beforeimporting/pointofentry>

For further information about additional import restrictions please contact the Imported Food Helpline, Tel: 020 7276 8018; Email: imported.food@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk.

Table 1: Approved non-EU countries authorised to export fishery products to the UK

| Country | Health certificate | Further restrictions |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Albania | Commission Regulation (EC) No 1250/2008 | Please contact FSA |
| Algeria | | No aquaculture* |
| Angola | | No aquaculture* |
| Antigua & Barbuda | | Only live lobsters |
| Antilles (Netherlands) | | No aquaculture* |
| Argentina | | |
| Armenia | | Only live or heat processed or frozen, non-farmed crayfish |
| Australia | | |
| Azerbaijan | | Only caviar No aquaculture* |
| Bahamas | | No aquaculture* |
| Bangladesh | | Please contact FSA |
| Belarus | | |
| Belize | | |
| Benin | | No aquaculture* |
| Bosnia & Herzegovina | | |
| Brazil | | Please contact FSA |
| Canada | | |
| Cape Verde | | No aquaculture* |
| Chile | | |
| China | | Please contact FSA |
| Colombia | | |
| Congo | | Only fishery products caught, gutted (where appropriate), frozen and packed in their final packaging at sea No aquaculture* |
| Costa Rica | | |
| Croatia | | |
| Cuba | | |
| Ecuador | | |
| Egypt | | No aquaculture* |
| El Salvador | | No aquaculture* |
| Eritrea | | No aquaculture* |
| Falkland Islands | | No aquaculture* |
| Gabon | | Please contact the FSA |
| Gambia | | |
| Ghana | | No aquaculture* |
| Greenland | | No aquaculture* |
| Grenada | | No aquaculture* |
| Guatemala | | |
| Guinea Conakry | | Please contact FSA |
| Guyana | | No aquaculture* |
| Honduras | | |
| Hong Kong | | |
| India | Please contact FSA | |
| Indonesia | Please contact FSA | |
| Iran | | |
| Israel | | |
| Ivory Coast | No aquaculture* | |
| Jamaica | | |
| Japan | | |
| Kazakhstan | No aquaculture* | |
| Kenya | No aquaculture* | |

| Country | Health certificate | Further restrictions |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Madagascar | Commission Regulation (EC) No 1250/2008 | |
| Malaysia | | |
| Maldives | | No aquaculture* |
| Mauritania | | No aquaculture* |
| Mauritius | | |
| Mayotte | | |
| Mexico | | |
| Morocco | | |
| Montenegro | | |
| Mozambique | | |
| Myanmar | | Only wild caught frozen fishery products (freshwater or seawater fish, shrimps and prawns) No aquaculture* |
| Namibia | | No aquaculture* |
| New Caledonia | | |
| New Zealand ** | 2006/855/EC | |
| Nicaragua | | |
| Nigeria | | No aquaculture* |
| Oman | | No aquaculture* |
| Pakistan | | No aquaculture* |
| Panama | | |
| Papua New Guinea | | No aquaculture* |
| Peru | | Please contact FSA |
| Philippines | | |
| Polynesia (French) | | No aquaculture* |
| Russia | | No aquaculture* |
| Saudi Arabia | | |
| Senegal | | No aquaculture* |
| Serbia (not including Kosovo) | | Whole wild caught fresh fish only |
| Seychelles | | No aquaculture* |
| Singapore | | |
| Solomon Islands | | |
| South Africa | | No aquaculture* |
| South Korea | | |
| Sri Lanka | | |
| St Helena | | Does not include Tristan da Cunha and Ascension No aquaculture* |
| St Pierre & Miquelon | | No aquaculture* |
| Suriname | | |
| Switzerland | | |
| Taiwan | | |
| Tanzania | | |
| Thailand | | |
| Togo | | Only live lobsters No aquaculture* |
| Tunisia | | |
| Turkey | | |
| UAE | | |
| Uganda | No aquaculture* | |

| Country | Health certificate | Further restrictions |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Ukraine | Commission Regulation (EC) No 1250/2008 | |
| Uruguay | | |
| USA | 2006/199/EC | |
| Venezuela | | |
| Vietnam | | |
| Yemen | | No aquaculture* |
| Zimbabwe | | |

* No aquaculture: This means that the country does not have a residue plan in place and cannot export aquaculture products to the EU.

** Imports from New Zealand can be accompanied by certificates as laid down in [Commission Decision 2006/855/EC](#)

Table 2: Approved non-EU countries authorised to export bivalve molluscs to the UK

| Country | Health certificate | Further restrictions |
|---------------|---|---|
| Australia | Commission Regulation (EC) No 1250/2008 | |
| Canada | | |
| Chile | | Only frozen/processed |
| Greenland | | No aquaculture* |
| Jamaica | | Only marine gastropods |
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| Japan | | Only frozen/processed |
| Morocco | | |
| New Zealand** | | |
| Peru | | Please contact FSA Only frozen/processed |
| South Korea | | Only frozen/processed |
| Thailand | | Only frozen/processed |
| Tunisia | | |
| Turkey | | |
| Uruguay | | |
| USA *** | | See footnote*** |
| Vietnam | | Only frozen/processed |

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*** Imports from the US can enter the EU for a period of 6 months from 1 January 2010, excluding imports of bivalve molluscs harvested in the States of Florida, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana