

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

This guide summarises advice on imports 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 fishery products or bivalve molluscs are permitted to be imported from these countries 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://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sanco/traces/output/listsPerActivity\\_en.htm#](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/sanco/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**

The import of fishery products to the UK will not be allowed from any country not on Table 1.

The import of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods, in any form, to the UK will not be allowed from any country not on Table 2.

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

Consignments of live crustaceans (lobster, crab, crayfish etc) and live bivalve molluscs imported to the UK for human consumption are subject to veterinary checks and health certification as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1250/2008.

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](mailto:imported.food@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk).

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

<b>Country</b>	<b>Further restrictions</b>
Albania	Restrictions apply to certain species of fish. See <a href="#">Commission Decision 2007 642 EC</a> for further information.
Algeria	No aquaculture*
Angola	No aquaculture*
Antigua & Barbuda	Only live lobsters No aquaculture*
Antilles (Netherlands)	No aquaculture*
Argentina	
Armenia	Only live wild crayfish, or heat processed or frozen non-farmed crayfish. No aquaculture*
Australia	
Azerbaijan	Only caviar No aquaculture*
Bahamas	No aquaculture*
Bangladesh	Restrictions in place for crustaceans. See <a href="#">FIN 006 2010</a> for further information.
Belarus	
Belize	No aquaculture*
Benin	No aquaculture*
Bosnia & Herzegovina	
Brazil	Restrictions apply to certain species of fish. See <a href="#">FIN 08 2007</a> for further information.
Canada	
Cape Verde	No aquaculture*
Chile	
China	Restrictions apply to aquaculture products. See <a href="#">FIN 12 2008</a> for further information.
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*. See <a href="#">FIN 11 2008</a> for further information.
Falkland Islands	No aquaculture*
Fiji	
Gabon	Restrictions apply. See <a href="#">FIN 14 2008</a> for further information. No aquaculture*
Gambia	No aquaculture*
Ghana	No aquaculture*
Greenland	No aquaculture*
Grenada	No aquaculture*
Guatemala	
Guinea Conakry	Imports suspended. See <a href="#">FIN Guinea</a> and <a href="#">FIN Guinea2</a> for further information
Guyana	No aquaculture*
Honduras	
Hong Kong	Only raw material from approved non-EU or other EU Member States
India	Restrictions apply to crustaceans of aquaculture origin. See

<b>Country</b>	<b>Further restrictions</b>
	<a href="#">FIN 005 2010</a> for further information
Indonesia	Restrictions apply to certain establishments and aquaculture products. See <a href="#">FIN 004 2010</a> for further information.
Iran	
Israel	See <a href="#">FIN 01 2009</a> for further information.
Ivory Coast	No aquaculture*
Jamaica	
Japan	Safeguard controls in place for food, including fishery products, from Japan. See <a href="#">FIN 003 2011</a> , <a href="#">FIN 004 2011</a> and <a href="#">FIN 005 2011</a> for further information.
Kazakhstan	No aquaculture*
Kenya	No aquaculture*
Madagascar	
Malaysia	
Maldives	No aquaculture*
Mauritania	No aquaculture*
Mauritius	
Mayotte	
Mexico	
Morocco	
Montenegro	
Mozambique	See <a href="#">FIN 10 2008</a> for further information.
Myanmar	Only wild caught frozen fishery products (freshwater or seawater fish, shrimps and prawns) No aquaculture*
Namibia	No aquaculture*
New Caledonia	
New Zealand **	
Nicaragua	
Nigeria	No aquaculture*
Oman	No aquaculture*
Pakistan	No aquaculture* No approved establishments
Panama	
Papua New Guinea	No aquaculture*
Peru	No imports of certain bivalves. See <a href="#">FIN 14 2009</a> for further information.
Philippines	
Polynesia (French)	No aquaculture*
Russia	No aquaculture*
Saudi Arabia	
Senegal	No aquaculture*
Serbia (not including Kosovo)	Only whole fresh fish from wild seawater catches.
Seychelles	No aquaculture*
Singapore	
Solomon Islands	No aquaculture*
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	

<b>Country</b>	<b>Further restrictions</b>
Thailand	
Togo	Only live lobsters No aquaculture*
Tunisia	
Turkey	
UAE	
Uganda	
Ukraine	
Uruguay	
USA***	
Venezuela	
Vietnam	
Yemen	No aquaculture*
Zimbabwe	

The model health certificates for fish and fishery products can be found at the Annex to [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 1250/2008](#).

- \* 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](#)
- \*\*\* Imports from The United States can be accompanied by certificates as laid down in [Commission Decision 2006/199/EC](#)

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

Country	Further restrictions
Australia	
Canada	
Chile	Only frozen/processed
Greenland	No aquaculture*
Jamaica	Only marine gastropods
Japan	Only frozen/processed
Morocco	
New Zealand**	
Peru	No imports of certain bivalves Only frozen/processed
South Korea	Only frozen/processed
Thailand	Only frozen/processed
Tunisia	
Turkey	
Uruguay	
USA***	Only the abductor muscle from wild caught <i>pectinidae</i> (scallops)
Vietnam	Only frozen/processed

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