

Animal Products (Fish Export Processing Requirements) Notice 2011

Pursuant to section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999, I, Debbie Morris, Acting Director Import & Export Standards, issue the following notice for the purposes of facilitating access to overseas markets, and safeguarding assurances provided by New Zealand.

Signed at Wellington this 25th day of July 2011

Debbie Morris
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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
(Acting under delegated authority)

Certified in order for signature

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Notice

1 Title

This notice is the Animal Products (Fish Export Processing Requirements) Notice 2011.

2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on 29th July 2011

Part 1 Preliminary Provisions

3 Application

- (1) This notice applies to-
 - (a) all fish product intended for export with an official assurance; and
 - (b) processors of fish product for export with an official assurance.

4 Interpretation

(1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the Animal Products Act 1999

animal product has the same meaning as in the Act, but excludes live animals not exported as food and germplasm

Director-General means the chief executive of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

fish product means fish in any form and for any purpose, whether live, fresh frozen, whole, filleted, re-formed, cooked, dried, salted or otherwise processed and includes multi ingredient animal products where the fish component is required to be subject to official assurances.

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry website refers to www.foodsafety.govt.nz

processing has the same meaning as in the Act except for transportation

RCS means regulated control scheme as described in section 38 of the Animal Products Act 1999

RMP means risk management programme registered under Part 2 of the Animal Products Act 1999.

(2) Any term or expression that is defined in the Act used, but not defined, in this Notice has the same meaning as in the Act.

Part 2 Requirements for Fish Export Processing

5 General

- (1) All processors of fish products must have documented systems and keep records that demonstrate compliance with this notice unless the operator can demonstrate compliance with this requirement as part of—
 - (a) a RMP; or
 - (b) a RCS; or
 - (c) being listed as an export approved premises.

6 Labelling of Fish Products

- (1) Fish products must be labelled with information sufficient to support the issuing of official assurances.
- (2) In addition to any labelling requirements for the New Zealand market (unless exempt by notice under section 60B of the Act), the minimum requirements for transportation outers for fish product packed for export are-
 - (a) the operator or premises identifier; and
 - (b) net weight or volume; and
 - (c) the packing date or manufacture date; and
 - (d) the words New Zealand.
- (3) Any name, being the scientific name or a name indicative of the species, used in the description of the fish must be approved by the Director-General and listed on the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry website, or be otherwise acceptable to the Director-General.

7 Translations of Foreign Language

- (1) Processors of fish product must ensure there are accurate English translations for any mandatory labelling element printed in a foreign language on product labels and that records are kept of these.
- (2) Processors of fish product must ensure that translations are carried out by a person who is independent of commercial clients and competent to translate the language(s) concerned.
- (3) If the Director-General has reason to doubt the accuracy or truthfulness of any translation the Director-General may require that a translation is obtained from a person acceptable to the Director-General before an official assurance for fish product is issued.

Part 3 Revocation

8 Revocation

This notice revokes OMAR 02/067 Labelling of Fish and Fish Product Intended for Export dated 30 July 2002.

Issued under section 60 of the Animal Products Act 1999.	
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