



Industry Notice

September 21, 2010

TO: ALL IMPORTERS OF FISH AND SEAFOOD PRODUCTS

SUBJECT: THE REMOVAL OF ALL POSTINGS OF THE ANALYSIS FIR REQUIREMENT FROM THE MANDATORY INSPECTION LIST.

The following is to inform you that on September 28th, 2010, all postings for the analysis known as FIR Requirement (Fish Inspection Regulations Requirement) will be removed from the [Mandatory Inspection List](#) (also known as the Import Alert List) on our website.

These FIR Requirement postings are for failures relating to regulatory requirements such as Process Control Documents (for canned and ready-to-eat products) and the importation of raw or live molluscan shellfish from unapproved waters. In these cases, product is refused as a result of an importer's failure to meet the requirements of their import licence and not as a result of the product failing inspection. As such these failures will no longer be posted on the Import Alert List against a foreign processor, but will instead be captured under an importer's compliance record and taken into consideration when assessing an importer's compliance with regulatory requirements.

Importers of fish and seafood products are responsible for ensuring product compliance and for complying with all Canadian regulatory requirements pertaining to holders of a Fish Import Licence or a Quality Management Program Import Licence. Importers who fail to comply with Canadian regulatory requirements are subject to enforcement actions which can lead to licence suspension, revocation or non-renewal of their import licence.

Information regarding Canadian regulatory requirements for Fish Importers can be found on the CFIA website using the following links:

[Fish Import Licence Holders \(Basic Importers\)](#)

url: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/fispoi/import/pol/base.shtml>

[Quality Management Program Import Licence Holders \(QMPI Importers\)](#)

url: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/fispoi/import/pol/qmppgqe.shtml>

If you require further information, please contact your local CFIA office.

Sincerely,

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