



Industry Notice

November 24, 2010

TO: All exporters of fish and seafood products to Vietnam

SUBJECT: New import requirements for products of animal origin destined for Vietnam

If you are interested in exporting products to the Vietnamese market beyond December 31st, 2010, you are kindly requested to complete, sign and date the following template for “Appendix 3- Summary on Food Hygiene and Safety conditions for the food business operator”. A second Appendix 3 template which includes some explanatory information under each item is included for your reference. Once completed, your Appendix 3 document should be scanned electronically and forwarded to the following e-mail address: vietnam_export-exportation@inspection.gc.ca. This should be done no later than December 13, 2010. If you require further information, please forward your enquiry to the above-noted e-mail address.

BACKGROUND:

The above request arises from new import requirements for products of animal origin as outlined by Vietnam’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARD) in Circular No. 25/2010/TT-BNNPTNT . This Circular requires that the food hygiene and safety control systems of the exporting country and of exporting food business operators (FBOs) be approved by Vietnam’s National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department (NAFIQAD). This process demands that competent authorities of exporting countries provide NAFIQAD with the following documents:

Appendix 1: List of FBOs registered for export to Vietnam;

Appendix 2: Information on food hygiene and safety control systems and on related competent authorities of exporting countries; and

Appendix 3: Summary of food hygiene and safety conditions for each FBO exporting to Vietnam.

CFIA has submitted information on Appendices 1 & 2 to NAFIQAD. Based on this submission, Canadian fish processing establishments registered under the *Fish Inspection Regulations* as posted on the website of NAFIQAD at:

http://www.nafiqad.gov.vn/copy_of_list-company/fish-and-fishery-products-1/canada-1/view

have been granted temporary approval pending the submission, review and approval of Appendix 3 information. Using data available from the Agency’s data systems, the CFIA proceeded to prepare and submit Appendix 3 information for registered establishments, anticipating that this would be sufficient to meet NAFIQAD’s needs. However, NAFIQAD recently advised that CFIA’s document will not suffice and the Agency should request each of the processing establishments interested in exporting products to Vietnam, to complete, sign, and date Appendix 3. This information must be received, and

assessed as acceptable by NAFIQAD prior to December 31st, 2010 in order for establishments on the “temporary approval” list to be considered officially approved and be eligible to have their products imported into Vietnam.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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