



Industry Notice

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TO: All Importers of Fish and Seafood

SUBJECT: Removal of the Country Alert for China: Malachite Green and Leucomalachite Green Testing of All Eel and Eel Products Imported from China

The following is to inform you of the removal of the country alert which was initiated by the CFIA on January 23, 2006 requiring mandatory testing for malachite green and leucomalachite green of all eel and eel products originating from China. Since the issuance of this alert, the compliance of eel and eel products from China has significantly improved. The mandatory detention and testing of all lots for malachite green and leucomalachite green to ensure compliance with Canadian requirements is no longer required.

The CFIA will continue to test on a random basis for malachite green and leucomalachite green imports of eel and eel products including those from China. If a lot is determined to be non-compliant with Canadian requirements the lot is refused entry into Canada. Subsequent imports of the same type of product from the same producer is then subject to mandatory testing until four consecutive lots pass inspection.

If you have questions related to this matter, please contact your local CFIA office or Mr. Alf Bungay National Manager, Inspection Systems and HACCP, Fish Seafood and Production Division at (613) 221-3190.

Any questions or comments regarding the above can be directed your nearest CFIA Fish Inspection office.

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