



# *Industry Notice*

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**TO: ALL CANADIAN FISH PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENTS APPROVED FOR EXPORT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**SUBJECT: EU AUDIT OF CANADA'S FISH INSPECTION PROGRAM**

The Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) of the European Commission will be conducting an audit of Canada's inspection and control system for fishery products (excluding live bivalve molluscs). The audit is scheduled to take place between October 18 and October 29, 2010.

This audit will evaluate whether Canada's controls governing the production of fishery products intended for export to the European Union (EU) are functioning in the manner specified by applicable Canadian regulations, and satisfy the conditions outlined in the *Agreement between the European Community and Canada on Sanitary Measures to Protect Public Health and Animal Health in Respect of Trade in Live Animals and Animal Products*. The scope of the audit will include the entire fishery products production chain, and therefore visits to aquaculture finfish farms, fishing vessels, landing sites, processing facilities and cold storages. It should be noted that during this audit, FVO officials may choose to visit any processing establishment in Canada currently on the EU list. Visits to registered establishments may include the review of any aspect of the production chain continuum which is contained within the establishments' Quality Management Program plan.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is undertaking discussions with FVO to develop an itinerary for this audit and will update the industry as required when further information and details become available.

If you have any questions on this matter please contact your local CFIA office.

Sincerely,

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