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Revised Fish and Fishery Product Import Requirements

The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) has recently been alerted to a change in Indonesia's import requirements for fish and fishery products. Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Decree No. 15/2011 – Quality Control and Safety of Fisheries Entering into Indonesia, replacing Decree No. 17/2010, was issued in May 2011, and has recently been implemented.

Pending formal translation of the whole document, AQIS has confirmed that under Decree No. 15/2011, at the time of export, consignments of fish and fishery products are required to be accompanied by the following documentation:

1. Health certificate in the field of fish quarantine and/or a health certificate in the field of quality from the competent authority in the country of origin;
2. Certificate of Origin;
3. Accredited laboratory test results from the country of origin stating that the fish is free from microbiological contamination, residual contaminants, and other hazardous chemicals, and has a weight of at least 95% complete for frozen products, in accordance with the requirements for quality and safety of fishery regulations and provisions statutory law;
4. Food labelling and advertising statements; and
5. GAP certification for aquaculture products.

Of the above listed documentation, the only document currently required to be issued by AQIS is the export health certificate (ie. 1 above). However, with a view to simplifying future export documentation requirements, and using the AQIS certification system as a basis, AQIS is currently negotiating these requirements with Indonesian authorities. Until negotiations conclude and AQIS issues further advice, AQIS strongly recommends that exporters discuss the detail of these commercial requirements with their importer.

Export Health Certification

AQIS understands that Point 1 above is addressed by the current export health certificate issued for fish and fishery products (FX46 plus endorsement number 515). Should this cease to be the case, AQIS will issue updated advice accordingly and commence re-negotiating export health certification as a matter of priority.

Certificate of Origin

A list of Certificate of Origin providers can be found on the Austrade website at <http://www.austrade.gov.au/Certificate-of-origin/default.aspx>

Laboratory Test Results

AQIS recommends exporters discuss this requirement with their importer and laboratory of choice. As AQIS receives more information regarding this requirement, supplementary advice will be issued.

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