

MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

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Hong Kong – Import ban lifted on mussels sourced from Spring Bay harvest area, Tasmania

Attention	Industries	Seafood
	Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	Central and Regional offices
Affected Markets		Hong Kong
Further Information		Please contact exports@agriculture.gov.au if you have any queries.

This market access advice (MAA) replaces FISH MAA 2016-04 issued on 24 March 2016, which advised of the implementation of Hong Kong's import ban on mussels sourced from the Spring Bay harvest area, Tasmania.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has been advised by Hong Kong's Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department that the **import ban** on Australian mussels sourced from the Spring Bay harvest area has been **lifted as of 6 September 2016**. The department has resumed issuing export certification for mussels harvested from Spring Bay on or after this date to Hong Kong.

CFS have advised that mussels sourced from Spring Bay will continue to be subjected to a biotoxin test and release regime until CFS is satisfied there is no food safety risk.

The department will advise industry of any further developments through the distribution of market access advices.

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