



MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

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**United Arab Emirates – Revised halal feeding statements for farmed seafood products
(excluding bivalve molluscs)**

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

This Market Access Advice updates MAA 2014-10 issued on 16 May 2014 which advised of new halal requirements for aquaculture seafood exported to the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Following representations by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, the UAE’s Ministry of Climate Change and Environment has revised the halal requirements for farmed seafood products (excluding bivalve molluscs) exported to the UAE.

As a result of this amendment, Australian farmed aquatic animals that are fed feeds which contain animal protein, excluding porcine (pig) protein, are now eligible for export to the UAE.

From 1 November 2016, Australian farmed seafood exported to the UAE must be accompanied by a halal certificate issued by a halal certification body approved by the UAE, which contains the following revised statement:

‘the fish products of aquaculture origin have only been fed on feed material free from porcine animal protein.’

To export bivalve molluscs, use an FX46 certificate with endorsement 5116. This endorsement states:

The bivalve molluscs were not fed any manufactured feeds.

Please note that the department is not responsible for issuing halal certification. These documents can only be issued by an approved halal certification body. Exporters should ensure that the halal certifying body they choose to use has been approved by UAE authorities to certify seafood products. For reference, a list of certification bodies currently approved to provide halal certification for red meat can be found on the department’s website at:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/controlled-goods/meat/elmer-3/list-islamic-halal-certification>

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