



Australian fish names—recent additions to EXDOC for Rock Lobster species

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Purpose

To advise exporters and processing establishments of the:

- addition of two new product type codes to the department’s export documentation system (EXDOC) to facilitate acceptance of some species by China, and
- the actions that the department may undertake to facilitate clearance of consignments.

Changes to product type codes

New product type codes have been added to EXDOC and can be used where additional information is required to appear on the associated health certificate for China for rock lobster species.

Actions required by exporters and processing establishments

- Establishments currently using the product type code listed in Table 1 can continue to do so and may also apply for corresponding new codes to be added against their establishment by e-mailing dairyeggsfish@agriculture.gov.au

Table 1

Existing product type Fish name <i>Scientific name</i>	New product type code Fish name <i>Scientific name</i>	Status	Action required by occupier of registered establishment preparing this product for export
LSR SOUTHERN ROCK LOBSTER <i>Jasus Edwardsii</i>	No change	Active <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • including for China (FX46CN) for: live, wild origin 	None – establishments using this product type and associated cut-codes can continue to do so.
N/A	LSF SOUTHERN ROCK LOBSTER <i>Jasus edwardsii</i> (<i>Palinuridae</i>)	Active <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for China (FX46CN) for: chilled or frozen, wild origin 	Application to be made to add the listed product type and cut code to the establishment: FF0407 – Frozen Southern Rock Lobster

Existing product type Fish name <i>Scientific name</i>	New product type code Fish name <i>Scientific name</i>	Status	Action required by occupier of registered establishment preparing this product for export
LWR WESTERN ROCK LOBSTER <i>Panulirus cygnus</i>	No change	Active <ul style="list-style-type: none"> including for China (FX46CN) for: live, wild origin 	None – establishments using this product type and associated cut-codes can continue to do so.
N/A	LWF WESTERN ROCK LOBSTER <i>Panulirus cygnus</i> (<i>Palinuridae</i>)	Active <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for China (FX46CN) for: chilled or frozen, wild origin 	Application to be made to add the listed product type and cut code to the establishment: FF1996 – Frozen Western Rock Lobster

- Consult the list of EXDOC codes and scientific names as they appear on health certificates at: www.agriculture.gov.au/export/controlled-goods/fish/product-codes.
- Contact dairyeggfish@agriculture.gov.au prior to despatching the consignment with details of the product to be exported.
 - We will determine where changes to EXDOC can be made or additional names added.

Further information and action required for shipment clearance issues

The department is aware of the issues facing some exporters exporting seafood to China (see [MAA 2015 -13 – China – Eligible species list](#)) and is actively seeking to establish and maintain a regular line of communication with China’s General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) to resolve these issues.

While the main area of concern remains the process for adding species to the list of fish eligible for export from Australia, there are a number of species being denied access due to differences in the scientific names used to identify fish.

In some instances the department can assist by:

- identifying and adding species names into EXDOC where scientific names match or are sufficiently similar, or
- adding additional information to existing certification to facilitate a match (i.e. add a family name to the species name).

If exporters experience difficulties with clearance of individual consignments they should contact dairyeggfish@agriculture.gov.au immediately for assistance to facilitate the release of the consignment.

Contact us if you have any questions regarding this notice.