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NOTICE TO TRADE

Certification by Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority Officers of export consignments of live crab, processed whole crab and picked crab-meat to China and Hong Kong

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Applicability: 02 December, 2019 with applicability thereafter until modified

The Chinese and Hong Kong standards for Cadmium in crustacean food products are 0.5 mg/kg and 2 mg/kg respectively. Both are applicable on the basis of an all edible tissue assessment. This is materially different to the EU standard of 0.5mg/kg which applies to appendage white meat only.

In line with the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority code of practice for the issue of export health certificates for consignments of seafood to Third Countries, the requirements below relate to applications to the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority for export health certificates of live and processed whole crab and picked crab-meat from the date referenced in this notice.

Certification of export consignments to these markets will be provided in the context of receipt of laboratory test results that demonstrate compliance with the relevant export marker standards for Cadmium as described above.

Existing certification arrangements for these products to these markets will continue prior to this date.

- For all applications for export health certification of the referenced products to the referenced markets, operators will make available to the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority a sample of crab that is representative of the export batch that is the subject of the application for an Export Health Certificate;
- Representative samples will consist on one single animal in the case of live crab and whole-processed animal applications or an amount of picked crab-meat as may be relevant to the type of product that is to be exported;
- Samples will be taken as an official control by SFPA officers and sent by them to the laboratory designated to carry out the Cadmium analysis;
- Samples should arrive in the laboratory before 11am Monday-Wednesday for same week reporting. The laboratory will endeavour to report results within 48 hours of receipt of sample;



- Following receipt of compliant laboratory result and the carrying out of appropriate controls, SFPA will process the application for export;
- One sample and an associated analytic result should exist for every 2 tonnes of product in the export consignment, subject to a maximum of 5 samples per consignment;
- Analysis will be performed by the designated laboratory in accordance with an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited test method *CHE-178 Metals in Marine Biota by ICPMS* for Cadmium analysis.