

Information Notice – Exports to USA

Expression of Interest - Registration

Submission for Exports of Live Bivalve Molluscs

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority has issued this Information Notice in relation to technical requirements for Irish companies trading with the USA in an evolving third country regulatory environment.

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority is currently in the process of collating material from eligible and interested industry operators with the end goal of securing market access for the exports of live bivalve molluscs (LBMs) for human consumption from Ireland to the USA.

LBMs need to fulfil several criteria in order to be eligible for export to the USA. Among other requirements Ireland needs to demonstrate it can meet, the LBMs need to have been harvested from a production area which has been classified as being of Class A microbiological quality on a year-round basis under the Marine Institute shellfish classification process. Eligible production areas also need to have had a completed sanitary survey.

The currently classified production areas and corresponding species for each which fulfil these criteria are listed in Annex I at the end of this notice.

This list will be subject to change annually in line with classification status changes and as additional sanitary surveys are completed.

Once the LBMs can be shown to have originated from these areas, any SFPA approved establishment regardless of location, can apply for market access as part of SFPA's submission.

As part of this process, we are asking primary producers harvesting in the above areas and exporting Food Business Operators (approved establishments) who are interested in being included on a list for trade with the USA to confirm their interest by return email to SFPATradeAndAudit@sfpa.ie

FBOs will need to provide the SFPA with their consent to share information pertaining to their business including name, address, approval number and SFPA inspection reports with DG SANTE and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as part of the registration process. Any FBO included on the list is also subject to audit by the FDA, as is customary with third country registrations.

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For the avoidance of doubt, any SFPA approved establishment can apply for inclusion to be registered as an exporter as part of this process but LBMs exported to the USA must originate from the areas listed in Annex I, which will be subject to change on an ongoing basis. Changes will be communicated to exporters in a timely manner as they occur.

It is important to reiterate at this stage that this is a registration application for market access for LBMs to the USA. Accordingly, the SFPA cannot guarantee that the application will be approved or that the desired market access will be granted.

If this application is approved, as with all other exports to third countries, export consignments will need to be dispatched by an SFPA approved establishment.

If you would like us to include your establishment whether as a primary producer or exporter as part of this submission process please email SFPATradeAndAudit@sfpa.ie before 5pm on Wednesday the 8th of April, indicating your interest, and providing consent for the SFPA to share information with DG SANTE and the FDA as outlined above.

Only primary producers and exporters who reply to this Information Notice expressing their positive interest will be included as part of this submission

Any queries on this information notice should be directed to SFPATradeandAudit@sfpa.ie

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Annex I - Classification Production Areas Currently Within Scope of Eligibility

Production Area	Boundaries	Bed Name	Class A Species	Code
Galway Bay Classified Production Areas	Aughinis Point to New Quay	Aughinis	Mussels	CE-AH-AH
Ballinakill	Renvyle Point to Cleggan Point	All Beds	Oysters (Gigas)	GY-BL-BL
Carlingford Lough (Irish Waters)	Ballagan Point to Cranfield Point and Carlingford Point to Carrigaroan	Ballagan	Oysters (Gigas)	LH-CL-BN
Carlingford Lough (Irish Waters)	Ballagan Point to Cranfield Point and Carlingford Point to Carrigaroan	Greenore - O5	Oysters (Gigas)	LH-CL-O5
Curraclloe	Area Bounded as follows: Cahore Point to 52° .5668N 006° .100W to 52° .3833N 006° .15W to Curraclloe Point	All Beds	Razor Clams	WX-CE-CE
Galway Bay Classified Production Areas	Finnivarra Point to Muckinis Point	Poulnaclough Bay	Mussels	CE-PH-PH
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Galway Bay Classified Production Areas	Knockpreaghaun Point to Goragh Island to Newtownlynch Pier, and Polagh Quay to Lambs Island	Doorús Point	Oysters (Gigas)	GY-DP-DP
Roaringwater Bay	Cousnaganniv Point to Frolic Point	RMP 1 & RMP 2	Mussels	CK-RB- RMP 1 CK-RB- RMP 2
Rosslare	Area Bounded to the North by 52° 18.5'N, to the South by 52° 15.5'N, to the West by 006° 22'W and to the East by 006° 20'W	All Beds	Razor Clams	WX-RE-RE
Achill South Classified Production Areas	Achill Bridge East to Achill Bridge West and Bolinglanna to the Southern most Point of Achill Beg	Balfarsad	Oysters (Gigas)	MO-AN-BD
Achill South Classified Production Areas	Achill Bridge East to Achill Bridge West and Bolinglanna to the Southern most Point of Achill Beg	Corraun	Oysters (Gigas)	MO-AS-CN
Achill North Classified Production Areas	Kinrovar Point to Ridge Point and Achill Bridge East to Achill Bridge West	Saula	Oysters (Gigas)	MO-AN-SA
Achill North Classified Production Areas	Kinrovar Point to Ridge Point and Achill Bridge East to Achill Bridge West	Bunacurry	Oysters (Gigas)	MO-AN-BY

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