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SFPA Issues New Guidance on Additive use for Crustaceans on Freezer and Factory Vessels

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) has published a Food Safety Information Notice (FSIN) on the correct use of food additives onboard approved freezer and factory vessels handling crustaceans, including Dublin Bay prawns.

The guidance outlines the requirements for the authorised use of additives to control melanosis (blackspot) and reminds Food Business Operator that additives must be used strictly in line with EU conditions of use and manufacturer instructions. Additives may only be used for their intended technological purpose and must not be used to disguise spoilage or extend shelf-life beyond safe limits.

Food Business Operators are responsible for ensuring additive use is controlled through their food safety management system, with appropriate staff training, procedures and records in place.

The SFPA encourages relevant operators to review the FSIN to ensure continued compliance with food safety legislation. For assistance or further details on the FSIN, please contact sfpafood&fisheriessupport@sfpa.ie

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Note to Editor

The FSIN is now on the SFPA Website at www.sfpa.ie under: [Seafood Safety Information Notices and Guidance | Sea Fisheries Protection Authority](#). The FSIN can also be accessed by clicking this link: <https://www.sfpa.ie/Search/resource/3188>.

Further Information

About the SFPA

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) is the independent statutory body responsible for the regulation of the sea-fisheries and the sea-food production sectors. It promotes compliance with the EU Common Fisheries Policy, sea-fisheries law and food safety law relating to fish and fish products, verifies compliance and, where necessary, enforces it. Its mandate covers all fishing vessels operating within Ireland's 200-mile limit, over 2,000 Irish registered fishing vessels wherever they operate, and all seafood produced in Ireland's seafood processing companies. The SFPA operates through a network of regional port offices situated at Ireland's main fishery harbours. For further information visit: www.sfpa.ie