

Federal Endorsement of Live Marine Molluscan Shellfish Destined for Canada Intended for Food Service, Retail Use and Further Processing

April 8, 2012, marks the enforcement of the third and final phase of Canada's aquatic animal import requirements, which applies to animals intended for Food Service, Retail Use and Further Processing (ie. human consumption). The U.S. Department of Commerce (US DC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - Seafood Inspection Program (NOAA - SIP) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service -Veterinary Services (APHIS- VS) have recently renegotiated with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), the health certificate for live mollusks intended for Food Service, Retail Use and Further Processing. As of April 11, 2013, NOAA-SIP will endorse all live marine molluscan shellfish certificates destined for Canada for the end uses of Food Service, Retail Use and Further Processing.

Please contact NOAA-SIP at (800) 422-2750 or visit the site below for additional information.

<http://www.seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

This is an interim measure which will be evaluated over the coming year.

In many cases, regionalization has been established and animals can move without a health/zoosanitary certificate from the origin. To determine if this is possible please utilize Canada's Automated Information Reference System (AIRS).

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/aquatic-animals/imports/airs/eng/1300127512994/1326599589537#>

Contacts for CFIA Area Offices can be found at

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/about-the-cfia/offices/eng/1313255382836/1313256130232>