

EXPORT OF MARINE MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH TO CANADA FOR FOOD SERVICE/RETAIL USE OR FOR FURTHER PROCESSING

Live Marine Molluscan Shellfish

Certification of LIVE marine molluscan shellfish to Canada is handled by the U.S. Department of Commerce (USDC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Seafood Inspection Program (NOAA-SIP). Information regarding the export of live marine molluscan shellfish to Canada is posted on the Live Animal International Regulations:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca_endorsement_marine_mollusk5.pdf

As noted in the above reference, exporters who wish to export live marine molluscan shellfish to Canada for food service/retail use or for further processing should contact NOAA-SIP. They can be reached at 1-800-422-2750 or through their website:

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

Dead Marine Molluscan Shellfish

Due to the rapid deterioration of mollusks following death, we are not aware that export of “fresh” dead molluscan shellfish occurs. If “fresh” dead molluscan shellfish (i.e., shucked mollusks) are exported, however, it is APHIS/VS understanding that CFIA does not require a health/zoosanitary certificate for this commodity.