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The MOH reaches out once again to assist in clarifying the terms as expected by the Israeli Regulations:

Treatment type: Described as one of these: Raw, Treated, or Processed:

<u>A.</u> <u>Raw</u>- Raw Fish, undergone physical preparations such as- cutting to portions or fillet, cleaned washed, glazed, frozen, chilled and finally packed.

Nutritional content, if tested for the raw fish will be in line with (web or literature) published nutritional values accepted for this specific raw Fish.

**B. Processed\*** - 2 types are classified under this group:

**<u>B1. Treated</u>**- Fish undergone use of <u>food additives</u>, including immersing in <u>salt</u> <u>solution</u>. Treated fish products, most probably would present nutritional content (sodium, protein ect.) different from the accepted published nutritional values of the specific Fish.

**B2. Processed**- Composed Fish product undergone substantial processes, altering the protein structure of the fish (Denaturation). Such examples- <u>Dried, Smoked, Cooked, Fried, marinated, heated, steamed, bleached</u> or any other thorough substantial processes.

\*For group B- The treatment type in the Health Certificate may be specific as: "treated" or "processed", or simply as a category description- "processed".

I stay tuned to any additional clarifications might needed, on behalf of the Veterinary Division in the Ministry of Health of Israel (MOH).

Warm regards,

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