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06<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Ref: 75697424

**To: The National Authority for Agro-Forestry-Fishery Quality, Processing and Market Development (NAFIQPM),  
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam**

**Copy to: Viet Nam Trade Office, Viet Nam Embassy in Israel**

In reply to the Official Letter ref. no. 354/CCPT-ATTP dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 sent by the National Authority for Agro-Forestry-Fishery Quality, Processing and Market Development (NAFIQPM), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Viet Nam and following our Official Letters Ref no.56907624 dated 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024 and Ref no. 66455524 dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, on behalf of the Veterinary Division in the Ministry of Health of Israel (MOH).

Since 2020, we have tried several times to refresh the direct communications with the E- mail we have- [nafiqad@mard.gov.vn](mailto:nafiqad@mard.gov.vn) as the point of communication with no success

Adding to that, it seems that Official mail correspondences are blocked. We are trying to fix this blockage via our cyber department.

The MOH, wishes to thank Mr.Vu Thi Hue, from the Vietnam's Trade office in the Vietnam Embassy in Israel for reviving the direct communication.

Following NAFIQPM request, here are some fundamental criteria needed to establish fish and fishery products import to Israel:

- Direct CCA-CCA (central competent authority) communication via formal Email addresses or via Formal Embassy representatives.
- Mutual agreements between CCAs on the "uniform Health certificate- template" as appears on page 21, at annex 2a.  
The MOH is reviewing the published format as needed, and the most updated version is here attached.  
The revised approved format template by the exporting CCA is documented with its specific formal logo and authentic signs.
- List of Approved personnel names, signatures and stamps.
- Only EU approved establishments are authorized to send shipments to Israel, and according to the same basic standards with special exclusions, for example:



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- (1). Zero tolerance regarding *Listeria monocytogeness* or *Salmonella spp.*
- (2). Salt added would be considered a "treated" fish.

Further information and Regulations relevant to export of fish and fishery products to Israel:

1. The Israeli guidelines are open to the public on the Food service website, directed to assist the Israeli importer regarding the import process of food of animal origin, in the link: [files\\_circulars\\_food\\_Food05-010](http://files_circulars_food_Food05-010) ([www.gov.il](http://www.gov.il)) or [https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/policy/food05-010/he/files\\_circulars\\_food\\_Food05-010.pdf](https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/policy/food05-010/he/files_circulars_food_Food05-010.pdf)

In the future, we intend to post the reviewed updated version translated to English.

2. The Israeli approved fish table names, open to the public in the following link: <https://www.gov.il/he/Departments/publications/reports/fcs-fishlist>. The Israeli importer or his representative may ask to add fish name with specific Hebrew and English name.
3. Israeli MRLs in food are listed in the link: [https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/sheriot\\_chimiot\\_merabiot\\_2022/he/the\\_food\\_we\\_eat\\_food-from-animals\\_sheriot-bio-2022.pdf](https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/sheriot_chimiot_merabiot_2022/he/the_food_we_eat_food-from-animals_sheriot-bio-2022.pdf)
4. Regulations on additives and processing aids for fishery products you might see listed in the web site here attached:

[https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/reports/fcs\\_list/he/files\\_publications\\_food\\_food-addictive-libarary\\_fcs\\_list.pdf](https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/reports/fcs_list/he/files_publications_food_food-addictive-libarary_fcs_list.pdf)

We wish to emphasis the importance of accurate definition of the product, according to the Israeli regulation:

- Raw fish- without any additives or processes.
- Treated fish- Fish which have been added with food additives and SALT.
- Processed fish- Undergone a preservative process like- cooking, salting, smoking and could be Ready to eat or Non ready to eat.



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Finally, as detailed in letter Ref. 665455524 dated 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024, the MOH has respectfully reported NAFIQPM about several consignments recently found with noncompliance lab findings.

The NAFIQPM reflection on those findings will be highly appreciated.

I hope this reply settles most of the inquiries raised and has clarified the situation.

Warm regards,

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