



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

FISHERIES ACT NO. 10 OF 2014

**Seafood Regulations
Order No. 149 of 2016**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 31, 32, 33, 107, subsection 147 (1) and paragraphs 147(2)(f), (q) and (za) of the Fisheries Act No. 10 of 2014, I, the Honourable SEREMAI AH NAWALU MATAI, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity, make the following Regulation.

This Regulation provides for the control of fish processing establishments and for the verification of all seafood imports and exports to or from Vanuatu and related matters.

PART 1 PRELIMINARY

1 Interpretation

(1) In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires:

Act means the Fisheries Act No. 10 of 2014;

Agency means the Vanuatu Seafood Verification Agency established under subsection 25(1) of the Act;

export has the same meaning as defined in section 1 of the Act;

fish processing establishment has the same meaning as defined in section 1 of the Act;

fish product includes any product which has fish as an ingredient or component;

import means to:

- (a) take into Vanuatu; or
- (b) attempt to receive or take into Vanuatu; or
- (c) send on account or consignment for purposes of paragraph (a) or (b); or

- (d) act as an agent for another person for the purposes of paragraphs (a), (b) or (c); or
- (e) carry or transport into Vanuatu anything for purposes of paragraphs (a), (b) or (c);

Industrial Standards means the Standards relating to seafood Notice No. of 2016 as prescribed by the Minister;

label means any wording, tag, brand, symbol, picture, or other descriptive matter written, printed, stencilled, marked, embossed, impressed on, appearing on, attached to, or enclosed within any seafood or fish product;

licensed means licensed under this Regulation;

manager refers to the person appointed to have overall charge and management of the Agency who acts at all times as the head of the Agency, exercising all the powers delegated to him or her by the Director;

Ministry means the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity;

operator means the:

- (a) owner or person in control of a fish processing, packing, handling, storing or transporting business; or
- (b) holder of a licence of a fish processing establishment;

overseas regulatory authority means any overseas governmental authority or inter-governmental organisation responsible for regulating the standards, quality and importation of fish and fish products;

premises includes any building, structure, conveyance, vessel or area intended or being used for fish processing, packing, handling or storing;

processing includes storing, packaging, filleting, slicing, skinning, mincing, dismembering, cleaning, chilling, treating, freezing, drying, smoking, cooking, canning, packing of live fish or other preservation and further processing techniques;

process and **processed** have the same meaning as "processing";

seafood for the purposes of this Regulation means any sea water or fresh water animal or edible aquatic plants whether wild or farmed and

including all edible forms, and products of such animals, but does not include live bivalve molluscs, live echinoderms, live tunicates, live marine gastropods and any mammal, reptile or frog;

- (2) Terms and expressions that are not defined in this Regulation have the same meaning as in the Act and Maritime Zones Act [CAP 138].

2 Application

- (1) This Regulation provides for the seafood or fish products intended for human consumption:

- (a) that are intended for or are undergoing processing within Vanuatu; and
- (b) that have been processed or are purported to have been processed in Vanuatu; and
- (c) that have been caught on Vanuatu flagged vessels and discharged in a foreign port; and
- (d) are destined for export or import

- (2) The following are exempted from this Regulation:

- (a) seafood or fish products intended for non-commercial export; or
- (b) seafood or fish products intended for non-commercial use within Vanuatu.

PART 2 APPROVAL OF FISH PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENTS

3 Application for a Fish export processing establishment licence

- (1) An application for a licence made under section 107 of the Act must:
- (a) be made to the Director in the form set out in Schedule 1; and
 - (b) be accompanied by an application fee of VT1000.
- (2) The Director must consider each application made under subclause (1) and may require an applicant to provide such information necessary to ensure that:
- (a) the requirements of this Regulation, the Act or any other Act have been complied with;
 - (b) the location of the premises is appropriate having regard to all the circumstances, and has been constructed so as to comply with the Industrial Standards;
 - (c) the applicant has established that satisfactory provision has been made in respect of building materials, process flows drainage and sanitation, and the disposal of refuse, effluent and trade wastes.
- (3) An applicant is liable to pay any costs, expense or reimburse costs incurred under subclause (2).

4 Issuance of fish export processing establishment licence

- (1) The Director may issue a fish export processing establishment licence in the form set out under Schedule 2 if he or she is satisfied that:
- (a) the applicant has met the requirements under subclauses 3(1) and (2); and
 - (b) the applicant has paid a fish processing establishment licence fee of VT100,000.
- (2) Upon the approval of a fish processing establishment, the Manager must issue to the operating entity of the fish processing establishment, a unique approval number or code for that fish processing establishment to be used by the Vanuatu Seafood Verification Agency in health marking, exporting, distribution and certification thereafter, if so required.

- (3) The licence application fee paid by an applicant under paragraph 3(1)(b) must be refunded to the applicant if his or her application is not approved.

5 Term of a fish export processing licence

- (1) A fish export processing licence issued under clause 4 is valid from January to December of each year and may be renewed.
- (2) To avoid doubt, where a fish export processing licence is issued after January, that licence expires on 31 December of that year.

6 Conditions of a fish export processing licence

- (1) A fish export processing licence issued under clause 4 is subject to the conditions set out in Schedule 3.
- (2) In addition to subclause (1), the Director may impose additional conditions on a fish export processing licence.

7 Refusal of an application for a licence

The Director may refuse to issue or renew a licence on the following grounds:

- (a) if any of the circumstances covered under 107(6)(a) to (d) under the Act occur; or
- (b) the business of the fish processing establishment has been carried on or is likely to be carried on in a manner contrary to the public interest or the provisions of this Regulation; or
- (c) the operator has been convicted of an offence against this Regulation in respect of the same or any other fish processing establishment; or
- (d) the operator has failed in respect of the same or any other fish processing establishment, to comply with any directions, Industrial Standards or conditions imposed on him in accordance with this Regulation; or
- (e) the operator is the subject of bankruptcy proceedings under the insolvency laws of any jurisdiction, and satisfactory financial assurance has not been provided; or
- (f) information required to be given or reported under this Regulation is false, incomplete, incorrect, misleading or not provided as and when required; or
- (g) the establishment in respect of which the licence or authorization has been issued has been used in contravention of this Regulation or the Act; or
- (h) payment has not been made and is overdue in relation to any:

- (i) fees; or
 - (ii) charges; or
 - (iii) royalties; or
 - (iv) penalty or fine in relation to a breach of this Regulation or the Act;
or
 - (v) other payment required under this Regulation or Act; or
- (i) in the case of a company – if the company has a financial difficulty or is bankrupt; or
 - (j) the operator has failed to comply with any other Act or Regulation.

8 Suspension or termination of a licence

- (1) The Director may suspend or cancel any licence issued under this Regulation if he or she finds that the holder of the licence has breached this Regulation or conditions of the licence under clause 5A.
- (2) A person who is not satisfied with any decision of the Director under this clause may appeal the decision in accordance with Part 7 of this Regulation.
- (3) To avoid doubt, a person must immediately cease from operating a fish processing establishment once the Director has suspended or cancelled his or her licence under this clause.

9 Classes of licences

The Director may determine that a licence may be classified in accordance with:

- (a) the location of the fish processing establishment; or
- (b) the intended market; or
- (c) the type of operations; or
- (d) any other matter or thing which the Director determines.

PART 3 CERTIFICATION OF SEAFOOD OR FISH PRODUCTS

Division 1 Export and import of seafood or fish products

10 Application of division

This division does not apply to person who export seafood or fish products:

- (a) for purposes other than for resale; and
- (b) for purposes other than for human consumptions; and
- (c) for personal use; and
- (d) for consignments of less than 5 kilograms.

11 Export certificate

A person must not export or attempt to export any seafood or fish products unless a seafood inspector issues him or her a seafood export certificate in respect of that consignment in the form set out in Schedule 4.

12 Application for a seafood export certificate

- (1) An application for an export certificate must be made to the seafood inspector in the form set out in Schedule 5.
- (2) The seafood inspector must consider an application made under subclause (1) and may require an applicant to provide such information necessary to ensure that:
 - (a) the requirements of this Regulation, the Act or any other Act have been complied with; and
 - (b) compliance with the Industrial Standards.
- (3) An applicant is liable to pay any costs, expense or reimburse costs incurred under subclause (2).

13 Issuance of a seafood export certificate

- (1) The seafood inspector must not issue an export of seafood certificate under this Regulation for seafood or fish products intended for export, unless
 - (a) the person exporting has paid a fee of VT10 per kilo of seafood or fish product; and

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- (b) the seafood or fish products have been processed in accordance with the Industrial Standards; and
 - (c) the seafood or fish products comply with subsection 32(1) of the Act; and
 - (d) the seafood or fish products have been processed in a licensed fish processing establishment; and
 - (e) the seafood and fish products have been processed in accordance with the relevant overseas market access requirements; and
 - (f) the seafood inspector has no reason to suspect that the seafood or fish products are not fit for their intended purpose; and
 - (g) the applicant has been issued with a valid fish export processing licence under this Regulation.
- (2) In addition to subclause (1), an export certificates must not be issued if:
- (a) the seafood inspector does not have first-hand knowledge of the on-site operation to state that the information used in the export certificate is complete and accurate; or
 - (b) the information provided by the applicant is incomplete, inaccurate, or otherwise, not in accordance with any requirement of the Act; or
 - (c) the seafood inspector is not satisfied that the information provided is correct and complete.
- (3) An export certificate issued under this clause is to:
- (a) be in an approved form as set out in Schedule 4; and
 - (b) be issued and signed by a seafood inspector; and
 - (c) have the approved official stamp; and
 - (d) include additional information, where required from an overseas regulatory authority of an importing country provided that such information is consistent with this Regulation.
- (4) The seafood inspector may only issue one type of certificate for each consignment or lot.

14 Suspension or cancellation of export certificate

- (1) The seafood inspector may suspend or cancel an export certificate if:
 - (a) there has been a contravention conditions set out in Schedule 6; or
 - (b) it was issued by mistake or in contravention of this Regulation.
- (2) If a person is issued with an export certificate clause 11, the seafood inspector must also issue him or her with:
 - (a) a certificate of origin as set out in Schedule 7; or
 - (b) a general export health certificate as set out in Schedule 8 if required by recipient country.
- (3) If an overseas controlling authority requires a certification of product for health or for traceability purposes, this activity is to be overseen by the Agency in accordance with individual country requirements.

15 Replacement of lost certificates

- (1) If an export certificate is lost, the operator must ensure that seafood inspector is notified within 24 hours.
- (2) Where requested by the operator, the seafood inspector may issue a certified copy of the export certificate.
- (3) Despite subclause (2), the seafood inspector must issue another original export certificate if the country being exported to does not recognise certified copies of certificates.

16 Import certificate

A person must not import seafood into Vanuatu unless a sea food inspector has issued him or her with an import certificate in the form set out in Schedule 9.

17 Import of seafood

- (1) A seafood inspector may issue an import of seafood unless he or she is satisfied that:
 - (a) the seafood is free of contamination and any obvious signs of spoilage; and
 - (b) the seafood has been properly preserved by freezing, chilling, salting, canning, drying, dehydrating, or by any other approved method; and

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- (c) the seafood is properly packed and labelled; and
- (d) the seafood meets the requirements of this Act and any relevant regulations, standards or specifications as set by the Minister; and
- (e) the person importing the seafood has been approved by the Director to import seafood for the purpose of sale,

when it is placed on board ship or aircraft for import.

- (2) An import certificate may be suspended or cancelled if:
 - (a) there has been a contravention conditions set out in Schedule 10; or
 - (b) it was issued by mistake or in contravention of this Regulation.

Division 2 Travellers personal luggage

18 Certification of travellers personal luggage

- (1) A person who intends to travel out of Vanuatu must not include with his or her personal luggage any seafood or fish product unless issued with a certificate under subclause (2).
- (2) The Director may issue a certificate in the form as specified under Schedule 11, if he or she is satisfied that:
 - (a) the seafood or fish product is intended for personal consumption; and
 - (b) the quantity of seafood or fish product being transported does not exceed 5 kilograms per person; and
 - (c) the seafood or fish product has:
 - (i) come of a licensed fish processing establishment; or
 - (ii) been caught or harvested by the traveller using his or her own means.

PART 4 OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

19 Offences and penalties

- (1) An operator who fails to comply with any of the standards or obligations made under this Regulation, commits an offence.

- (2) A person who:
 - (a) processes or sells fish for human consumption or intended for export in a place, other than an approved fish processing establishment or vessel; or

 - (b) does any act or omits to do any act in contravention of or fails to comply with any provisions of this Regulation or any condition placed on any licence, certificate or approval granted under this Regulation; or

 - (c) removes or allows or causes to be removed from any fish processing establishment, any seafood or fish products before the requirements of this of this Regulation have been satisfied; or

 - (d) defaces, removes or tampers with any label affixed to any seafood or fish products; or

 - (e) places upon any seafood or fish products any label contrary to this Regulation; or

 - (f) unless authorized by this Regulation, alters or obliterates, or causes to be altered or obliterated, any label used in accordance with this Regulation; or

 - (g) hinders or obstructs, or induces or incites any other person to hinder or obstruct, an authorized officer from acting in accordance with this Regulation; or

 - (h) by words or conduct, falsely represents that he or she is an authorized officer, or who otherwise impersonates an authorized officer; or

 - (i) fails or refuses to provided reasonable access to records and related documents required to be kept or provided under this Regulation to be inspected by authorized officers; or

 - (j) otherwise fails to comply with any provisions of this Regulation, commits an offence.

- (3) A person who having been served with a notice issued either pursuant to regulations 21 or 22:
- (a) fails to comply with a requirement stated in the notice; or
 - (b) fails to satisfy the Director that an activity, matter or thing is not or is no longer in breach of this Regulation or condition of the licence; or
 - (c) causes or permits any other person to act in breach of the requirements of the notice; or
 - (d) knowingly acts in breach of the requirements of the notice, whether or not that person has been served with the notice,
- commits an offence.
- (4) A person who contravenes subclauses (1), (2) or (3) is guilty of punishable on conviction by a fine not exceeding VT1,000,000.
- (5) If a corporation is guilty of an offence under this Regulation, any Director, officer, or agent of the corporation who:
- (a) authorized, assented to or participated in; or
 - (b) by his or her neglect or omission contributed to,
- the commission of the offence, is a party to and may be found guilty of the offence, and is liable to the penalty provided for the offence.

20 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 25th day of April, 2016.



Honourable SEREMAIAH NAMALULU
Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Biosecurity

SCHEDULE 1
APPLICATION FOR FISH PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE

SCHEDULE 1

(Paragraph 3(1)(a))



**GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VAUNUATU
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND
BIO SECURITY**



Fisheries Department
VMB 9045
PORT VILA
VANUATU
Telephone: (678) 5333340



**APPLICATION FOR FISH PROCESSING
ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE**

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

INSTRUCTION:

- Underline Surnames
- For "Address" provide as much detail as possible
- Leave no question blank
- If not applicable, write N/A
- Specify units of measurement

ADDRESS TO: Director of Fisheries
Fisheries Department
Private Mail Bag, 9045
PORT VILA

I hereby apply for a licence to operate a **Fish Export Processing Establishment** at the place and in the manner described below;

1. Address of establishment

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2. Name and Address of Owner of Establishment

3. Name and Address of Lessee (if leased)

4. Physical Location of Premises:

5. Name of Person with Day-to-Day Responsibility for Compliance with Standards (if not the operator above):

6. Seafood Product(s) to be processed (attach full description including sources of supply)

<i>Species</i>	<i>Product Form e.g. whole, gilled and gutted etc.</i>	<i>Preservation Method e.g. frozen, chilled, dried</i>

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7. Market Company Wishes to Export to:

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8. Cleanliness and sanitation (attach full description of construction and maintenance standards)

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I confirm that I understand I am required to report any changes in the information contained in this form to the Director of Fisheries, within 7 days of the change

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	
DATE	
SPECIFY WHETHER OWNER OR LESSEE	

CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS TO APPLICATION:

- Building plan in accordance with requirements in Section 2.2.2 of IS's
- Specification Details in accordance with requirements in Section 2.2.3 of IS's
- HACCP Programme for products to be produced
- Licence fee of VT100, 000 plus VAT
- Completed application form

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- Where applicable details of vessels for EU registration in accordance with section 5.5

FOR SVA USE ONLY:

- Approval of Plans and Specifications
- Approval of HACCP programme
- Confirmation of Application and Licence Fee Payments
- Issuing of Licence
- ALLOCATION OF RISK CATEGORY:

High Low Medium

MARKETS FOR WHICH APPROVAL GRANTED (circle the appropriate category):

General (excludes Europe)

General

SCHEDULE 2

(Subclause 3(4))

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

**FISH EXPORT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT
LICENCE**

Licence No: _____

The person named as the licence holder below is hereby licensed in accordance with subsection 107(1) of the Fisheries Act No. 10 of 2014 to use the premises described below as a fish export processing establishment in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this licence and the conditions prescribed from time to time in the Fisheries Regulations.

Name of licence holder:	
Address of premises:	
Target fish products authorized to be processed :	
Types of processing authorized to be carried out:	
Authorized license period	

.....
Director of Fisheries

.....
Date

SCHEDULE 3

FISH EXPORT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE CONDITIONS

(Subclause 7(1))

1. The validation period of the Fish export processing establishment licence is 12 months, which commences in January to December each year but in the act of last application particularly for new Company, the licence fees will be calculate base on the period that the Establishment will be in operation at that particular year.
2. The Fish Processing Establishment must have a HACCP Programme for the Products to be produced and Pre-requisite support programme for hygiene purpose.
3. The fish processing establishment must be located away from objectionable odours, smoke, dust and other contaminants.
4. The location of the processing establishments must be sited not in no non-food trades or trades that may contaminate food products are to be located within the same food building.
5. The establishment buildings, including their structures, rooms, and compartments must be of sound construction, kept in good repair, and be of sufficient size to allow for processing, handling, and storage of products in a manner that does not result in product adulteration or the creation of insanitary conditions.
6. The establishment must be designed in a manner so as to allow one directional flow to prevent cross contamination between raw and finished products.
7. Adequate disinfecting facilities such as foot-bath must be provided at the entrance to the processing areas.
8. All food contact surfaces in fish handling areas must be non-toxic, smooth, impervious and in sound condition.
9. All food packaging must be carried out on stainless steel tables.

SCHEDULE 3
FISH EXPORT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE CONDITIONS

10. The Fish Processing Establishment has met the facility standards, export standards, operational standards and products and export standards as set out in the Standards Relating to seafood Notice No. of 2016.
11. The Fish Processing Establishment has been contrasted and designed in accordance with the Standards Relating to seafood Notice No. of 2016.
12. This Fish export processing establishment licence will not be transferable and will be specifically only for the Seafood Product(s) specify in the Licence.
13. The Fish export processing establishment licence Holder must at all-time cooperate with the Seafood Inspection in inspection and auditing of the seafood processing safety standards of the company.
14. The Director of Fisheries may suspend or revoke this Licence upon failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions on this Licence.
15. The Director may prescribe any other conditions from time to time.

SCHEDULE 4
CERTIFICATE OF EXPORT OF SEAFOOD PRODUCT

The product(s) describe above was/were caught or harvested, handled and processed at all times in accordance with the Fisheries Act No. 10 of 2014 and other applicable legislation.

Signature of Consignor: _____ Date: _____

SCHEDULE 6

EXPORT CERTIFICATE CONDITIONS

(Paragraph 10(3)(b))

1. This Export certificate will only be valid for the date issued on the Certificate but if the date changes for some unknown reason this certificate will automatically cancel and the Exporter will have to apply for a new certificate with a new allocated numbering.
2. The Exporter must pay the fees of 10 vatu a kilogram prescribed in Fish Processing Establishment Regulation Part 5, paragraph 9 (1) (a).
3. Exporter must ensure that fish are stored and transported under sanitary conditions and protected from contamination while the consignment is under their control.
4. No person shall export fish unless the processing and storage of the fish is carried out in an establishment in compliance with the Fisheries Act No. 10 of 2014 and Fish Processing Establishment Regulations.
5. The Director of Fisheries may cancel the Export Certificate upon the failure of the Exporter to comply with any conditions on this certificate.
6. The Director may prescribe any other conditions from time to time.

SCHEDULE 6
EXPORT CERTIFICATE CONDITIONS

SVA Use Only:



The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Forestry and Bio-Security as Competent Certifying Authority:
The products described in this form have been audited in accordance with the requirements of the Fisheries Act No. 10 of 2014, and at time of audit, the product(s) are: certified as fit for use and approved for export.

Signature of Authorised Officer: _____


Date: _____

SCHEDULE 7
 CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

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CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN


GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FORESTRY, FISHERIES & BIO-SECURITY

Fisheries Department
VMB 9045
PORT VILA
VANUATU
 Telephone: (678) 633340/33025

CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN

1. Exporter's business name, address, country:	Certificate of Origin No								
2. Importer's business name, address, country:									
3. Means of Transport and Route (as far as Known) Departure Date: Port of Loading Departure Time: Port of Discharge Carrier/Flight No.: AWB No. Final Destination: Country									
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8. Declaration by the Exporter The undersigned hereby declares that the above information and details is accurate and correct, that all the goods are produced and processed in VANUATU.	9. Certification It is hereby certified on the basis of control carried out that the declaration by the exporter is correct and that the consignment of the product has been checked and cleared according to the Fisheries								

SCHEDULE 8
GENERAL EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

SCHEDULE 8

GENERAL EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

(Paragraph 10(4)(b))



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SECURITY
 Fisheries Department
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 VANUATU
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GENERAL EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Certificate Serial No.: _____

Consignor:						
Name:				Telephone no.		
Address:				Postal Code:		
Consignee:						
Name:				Telephone no.		
Address:				Postal Code:		
Country of Origin:				Region of Origin:		
Vanuatu						
Description of Commodity:						
Common Species Name	Species Scientific Name	Nature of Commodity	Preservation or Treatment Type	Establishment or Licence No.	No. of packages or units	Net weight

SCHEDULE 8
 GENERAL EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

<i>I, the undersigned, certify that the fishery products described above were produced in accordance with the Fisheries Act No 10 of 2014 and applicable legislation as such are deemed fit for purpose and approved for export.</i>						
Official Inspector:						
Name:				Date:		
Signature :				Stamp:		

SCHEDULE 9
GENERAL EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATE

SCHEDULE 9

(Subclause 12(1))



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SECURITY



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IMPORT OF SEAFOOD CERTIFICATE
PERMIT NUMBER: _____

Pursuant to the Fisheries Act No. 10 of 2014 as Competent Certifying Authority for Seafood requiring an Import permit includes any fresh/frozen/dried/processed or cooked (but no canned) fish, lobster, prawns, squid, octopus, shrimp, or shellfish, intended for human consumption or any inedible purpose such as fish bait.

Types of Import Permit

Commercial Import

Sample Import

IMPORTER DETAILS:

Name of Importer: _____

Date of Arrival: _____

Means of Transport: _____

INTENDED USE OF PRODUCT:

Description of Product	Number and Description of packages	Net Weight of Packages	Country of Origin	Supplier Details

This approval is granted subject to the consignment meeting the import conditions specified below:

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- The consignment must be commercially processed, packaged and labelled
- The packaging or label must clearly state the country of origin, the species, and include packing and refrigeration dates
- The product must be fit for the intended purpose specified in the import permit e.g., human consumption, fish bait etc.

I, for _____, the Importer, understand and agree with the import conditions:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

ENDORSEMENT:

Director of Fisheries

Date: _____

SCHEDULE 10

IMPORT CERTIFICATE CONDITIONS

(Paragraph 12(2)(a))

1. This Import certificate will only be issued to an approved Importer that acquires either a Fish export processing establishment licence or a Custom Business Licence facility that will be certifying by the Seafood Verification Agency.
2. The Importer must pay the fees of 9,000 vatu to the Government Treasury before the Certificate can be issued.
3. Importer must ensure that fish are stored and transported under sanitary conditions and protected from contamination while the consignment is under their control.
4. No person shall Import fish and fish products unless the processing and storage of the fish is carried out in a Fish Processing Establishment certify by the Export Country Seafood Safety Competent Authority.
5. The Director of Fisheries may cancel the Import Certificate upon the failure of the Importer to comply with any conditions on this certificate.
6. The Director may prescribe any other conditions from time to time.

SCHEDULE 11
CERTIFICATION OF PROHIBITED FISHERY PRODUCTS FOR HOME CONSUMPTIONS

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(Subclause 13(2))



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CERTIFICATION OF PROHIBITED FISHERY
PRODUCTS FOR HOME CONSUMPTIONS

Home Consumption Permit Number: _____

Name	
Export Date	
Destination	
Country	
Carrier/Flight No.	
Departure Time	
Product	
Quantity	

The above named person(s) is hereby permitted by the Department of Fisheries to travel with the above specified item only

NOTE: This Certificate is valid only for the above flight and date.

Restrictions

2 Whole Rock Lobster or 5kg
2 Whole Coconut Crab or 5kg
5 kg Fish
5 kg Prawns

(All products must be dead, cooked or frozen)

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ENDORSEMENT:

Date: _____

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