

Seafood

India has been exporting Sea Food for well over 50 years. The main exports include shrimp, Fish, Clams, Mussels, Squid, Octopus, Cuttlefish, Crabs, etc. The major markets for these products are Japan and the US. Seafood exports from India need to adhere to certain region/country specific guidelines/regulations.

European Union

In terms of testing of Sea Food, exporters need to adhere to various EU regulations available with the Export Inspection Council of India which is the nodal agency for regulation in India. These can be checked at <http://www.eicindia.org/eic/index1.htm>

For inspection purposes, the EU has guidelines set for exporters. The guidance clarifies a number of points related to food imports on the rules on the hygiene of foodstuffs (Regulations (EC) No 852/2004, 853/2004 and 854/2004), and on the rules on official feed and food controls (Regulation (EC) No 882/2004). More details can be obtained from <http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/imports/beforeimporting/ecguidance>

Japan

From a testing point, the requirement for export to Japan is regarding analysis of residual antibiotics in aquaculture shrimps, available with Export Inspection Council <http://www.eicindia.org/eic/index1.htm>

Regulations on inspections can be accessed from <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/foodsafety/index.html>

US

The USFDA lays down guidelines and regulations for testing of Sea Food exports to the US.

The USFDA requires inspection for filth, Salmonella and commercial frauds link. Details can be viewed at <http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodSafety/default.htm>. As an Indian exporter it is mandatory to through the EIC and thus confirm to the guidelines and regulations of EIC or MPEDA.

For further details on Seafood certification please contact: Contact Person Mr. Sunnykutty Abraham
Contact No. 00 91 985034991 Email sunnykutty.abraham@sgs.com

Note: All labs conducting the tests/certification/inspection have to be recognized by respective regulators and should be NABL/ISO17025.

Disclaimer: This website content is merely for guidance purposes and is a compilation from various sources. For complete and latest details please visit the organization/regulator/government website or get in touch with an

industry practitioner.

Content Provided by SGS

