Labelling of fishery products

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General labelling rules

The objective of foodstuff labelling is:

- To guarantee that consumers have access to complete information on the content and composition of products in order to give consumers correct information and ensure that fish products are fully traceable;
- To provide details on a particular aspect of the product, such as its origin or production method;
- Some foodstuffs, such as genetically modified organisms, foods intended for infants are also subject to specific regulations





General labelling rules

Directive 2000/13 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs:

- The Directive applies to pre-packaged foodstuffs to be delivered to the final consumer;
- It does not apply to products intended for export outside the Community;
- The labelling of foodstuffs for sale to the final consumer must be in an easily understood language, which generally means the official

language(-s) of the country of marketing



General labelling rules

In accordance with general rules for foodstuffs the labelling must include the following:

- Name under which the product is sold;
- List of ingredients;
- The quantity of certain ingredients or categories of ingredients expressed as a percentage;
- The net weight;
- The date of minimum durability or "best before", or "the use by" date;
- Any special storage conditions or conditions of use;
- The name or business name and address of the manufacturer or packager;
- Lot marking





Health mark

- To be applied to a product of animal origin only if it has been manufactured in accordance with the relevant requirements;
- It must be applied before the product leaves the establishment of production;
- However, when a product's packaging and/or wrapping is removed or it is further processed in another establishment, a new mark must be applied to the product



Health mark

- The mark must be clearly displayed;
- The mark must indicate the name of the country in which the establishment is located;
- The mark must indicate the approval number of the establishment;
- The mark must be oval in shape and include the abbreviation EC; it must not be included in marks applied on products imported into the EU;
- The mark may be applied directly to the product, the wrapping or the packaging, or be printed on a label affixed to the product, wrapping or the packaging















General labelling rules for fishery products

- Fishery products are subject to the general labelling rules for foodstuffs, as well as general labelling rules for fishery products and specific labelling rules for certain fishery products subject to harmonised marketing standards;
- Regulation 2065/2001- rules for the application of Regulation 104/2000 regarding informing consumers about fishery and aquaculture products, marketed within the Community, irrespective of their origin:
- Commercial and scientific name (http://fishbase.sinica.edu.tw/search.php);
- Production method (caught at sea or in freshwater, or produced in aquaculture);
- Catch area (FAO fishing area (caught at sea), reference to the country of origin (caught in freshwater), reference to the country in which the product is farmed (aquaculture));
- Information must be provided on the labelling or packaging, or by means of a commercial document accompanying the goods



General labelling rules for fishery products

- Rules shall apply to species falling within Chapter 3 of the Combined Nomenclature;
- Small quantities of products disposed directly to consumers or retailers by fishermen or aquaculture producers are excluded;
- MS shall draw up and publish a list of the commercial designations of the species in their territories (at least those listed in Annexes I to IV to R104/2000);
- The list shall indicate the scientific name for each species, its name in the official language or languages of MS;
- MS shall notify the European Commission



- ► The labelling must bear:
 - the commercial and scientific name

Atlantic bluefin tuna

Thunnus thynnus

Rainbow trout

Oncorhynclus mykiss

Giant tiger prawn

Penaeus monodon





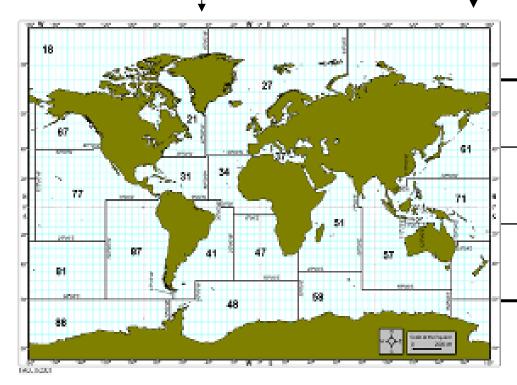


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• the production method

Atlantic bluefin tuna Thunnus thynnus	Caught at sea	
Rainbow trout	Caught in freshwater	
Oncorhynclus mykiss		
Giant tiger prawn	Farmed	/
Penaeus monodon		

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 - the production method



• the catch area

FAO fishing area (caught at sea): **the Pacific Ocean**

Reference to the country of origin (caught in freshwater): **Norway**

Reference to the country in which the product is farmed : **Thailand**



Specific labelling rules for certain fishery products

- Regulation 2406/96 on marketing standards for certain fishery products;
- Fishery products of Community origin and imported from 3rd countries should have the following information:
- Country of origin in Roman letters at least 20 mm high;
- Scientific name of the product and its trade name;
- Presentation (whole, fillets, etc.);
- Freshness and size categories (characters at least 5 cm high; labels affixed to the lot);
- Net weight in kg;
- Date of grading and date of dispatch;
- Name and address of consignor
- Saltwater fish falling under CN 0302, crustaceans CN 0306, cephalopods CN 0307



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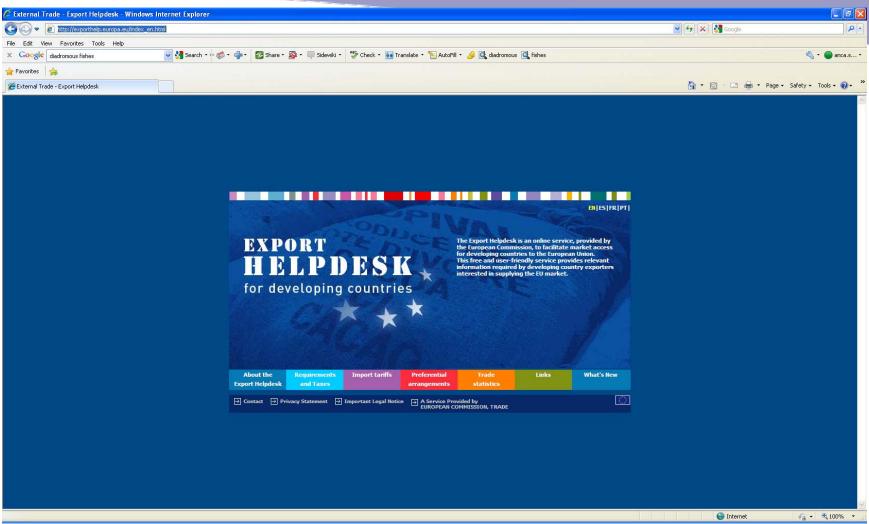
General guidance on EU import and transit rules for live animals and animal products from third countries

http://ec.europa.eu/food/international/trade/

http://exporthelp.europa.eu/thdapp/index_en.html

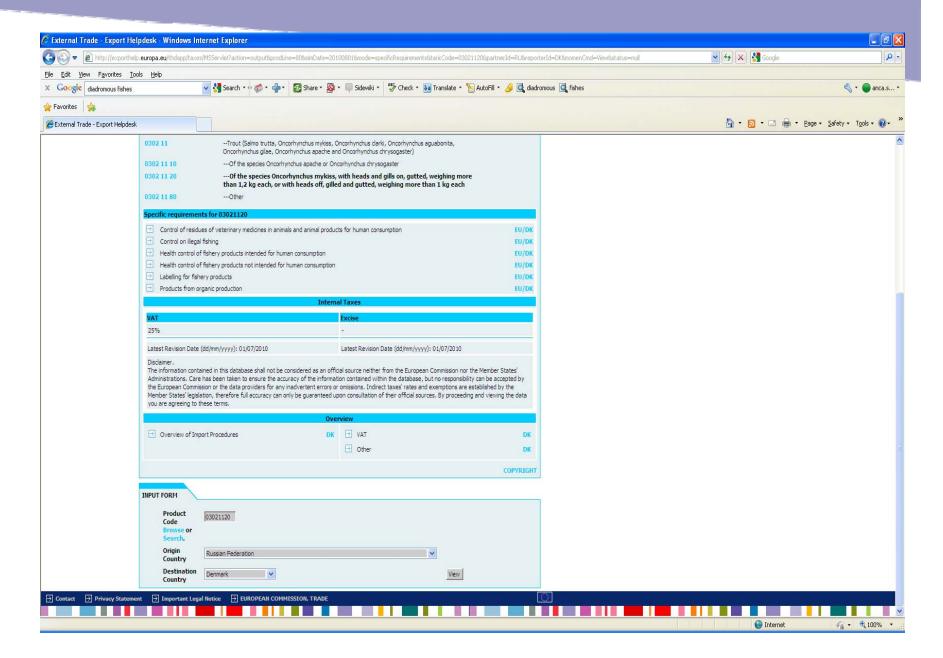


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