

## **Swordfish Re-Export Certificate Japan**

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To: All Traders, Freight Forwarders,  
Cargo Agents and Carriers

### **SWORDFISH RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE - JAPAN**

From **1 Jan 2003**, all imports of swordfish into Japan must be accompanied by a Swordfish Re-export Certificate, which will replace the current Swordfish Certificate of Eligibility (COE) implemented on 30 Oct 2000 in I&E Notice No. 6/2000 dated 3 Oct 2000. You may wish to note that Atlantic swordfish from Belize is still prohibited from importation into Japan. However, the prohibition on Atlantic swordfish from Honduras has been lifted.

#### **Swordfish Re-export Certificate**

To determine if the swordfish are eligible for import and to track swordfish imports, each shipment of swordfish exported to Japan must be accompanied by a Re-export Certificate regardless of where the swordfish is harvested. Please note that the weight of the swordfish must be greater than 15 kg. IE Singapore will endorse the Re-export Certificate if it meets the requirements. A sample of the Re-export Certificate is attached for your reference. You may also download a copy of the form from our website.

#### **Application for Swordfish Re-export Certificate**

You may submit your applications to the Imports and Exports Office (8th floor) of IE Singapore at 230, Victoria Street, Bugis Junction Office Tower, Singapore 188024. The procedure is as follows:

- a) Submit your application of the Swordfish Re-export Certificate in duplicate (original and a copy) with the supporting documents. We will retain the copy upon approval. Please affix a \$10.00 TDB revenue stamp for the processing fee on the lower right hand corner of the copy of the Swordfish Re-export Certificate in the space marked "Stamp". Until further notice, please use the TDB revenue stamp. A list of the Post Offices selling the revenue stamp can be found at this website.
  
- b) Attach a copy each of the ICCAT (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) Swordfish Statistical Document and, where applicable, the Swordfish Re-export Certificate which accompanied the import into Singapore, Export Invoice, Bill of Lading and Export Permit together with your Swordfish Re-export Certificate application.

c) The import into Japan of fish parts other than the meat, ie, head, eyes, roe, guts, tails, may be allowed without the Swordfish Re-export Certificate.

We will process your application within half a working day from the time of receipt of the submission provided that all your documents are in order. The Japanese importer is required to present the original copy of the Swordfish Re-export Certificate to the Japanese authority for the clearance of the consignment.

### **Retention of Production Records**

An exporter who requires the Swordfish Re-export Certificate from IE Singapore must maintain proper records on the production, imports and exports, weight, description of the swordfish and other information related to the shipments covered by each Swordfish Re-export Certificate. These also include supporting documents such as invoices, certification and statements from the ship's captain or supplier of the swordfish. These records and documents must be made available to IE Singapore to verify the shipments of the swordfish exported to Japan, when required.

For further enquiries, please call Customs Call Centre at Tel: 63552000.

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