

# Exports of Wild Harvested Shrimps and Shrimp Products from Singapore into the USA

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

Please refer to our [I&E Notice No 21/96 dated 19 Nov 96](#) on the US embargo on wild-harvested shrimps and shrimp products from countries not certified under Section 609 of US Public Law 101-162.

## Latest Developments On The Embargo

The purpose of this circular is to update you on:

- a. The additional countries certified by the US Government under Section 609 of US Public Law 101-162 as eligible to export shrimps into the U.S.
- b. The amendments to the Regulations on the import of shrimps into the U.S.. The U.S. Court of International Trade (U.S. CIT) issued a Court Order on 25 Nov 96 revising its decision of 8 Oct 96. The U.S. CIT has also rejected the US Administration's request for a stay of the 8 Oct 96 decision.

Countries Certified to Export Shrimps to the U.S. Imports into the U.S. of shrimps must be accompanied by the "**Shrimp Export's/Importer's Declaration**" (**DSP-121**). Shrimp imports from certified countries do not require certification by a Government official on the DSP-121.

As at 30 Dec 96, 39 countries have been certified under Section 609. Asian countries which have been certified are China and Thailand, as well as Brunei, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka. Other countries which have been certified are Argentina, the Bahamas, Belgium, Belize, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Haiti, Iceland, Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Russia, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Singapore does not harvest shrimps commercially and hence is not certified as a harvesting nation under Section 609 of U.S. Public Law 101-161. The US will review all current certifications no later than 1 May 97.

## Amendments To The Regulations For The Import Of Shrimp From Non-certified Countries

The amended Regulations continue to allow the imports of shrimp harvested in an aquaculture facility. They now also allow imports of shrimp harvested by non-mechanical means and shrimps caught in areas with no sea-turtles (e.g. fresh water, cold water). They **do not** permit shrimps to be imported into the US if they were harvested with Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) from countries not certified under Section 609 of U.S. Public Law 101-162.

Exporters to the US of shrimps and shrimp products are reminded to ensure that each shipment is accompanied by the **DSP-121**. Exporters of shrimps harvested in non-certified countries are reminded to ensure that the **DSP-121** must be signed by the Government

authority of the supplying nation certifying that the shrimps were harvested in a manner not harmful to sea turtles.

**Further Enquiries**

If you have further enquires, please contact the Customs Call Centre at Tel No. 63552000.

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