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Labelling and glazing requirements for fish and fish products exported to the Russian Federation

The Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhoznadzor) have advised Australia that, effective 1 October 2010, labelling on consumer packaging and cartons of fish products exported to the Russian Federation must contain the following additional information:

- a) for ice-glazed frozen products, the net weight must be indicated *excluding* the weight of the glaze;
- b) for product produced from frozen fish, the label must include information about re-freezing; and
- c) for frozen salted and marinated fish products, the label must contain the words 'Frozen Product'.

Rosselkhoznadzor has also advised that, effective 1 October 2010, the following requirements for glazed frozen products will apply:

- a) when treating fish fillets with food additives, the water content after removing the glaze must not exceed 86 per cent of the weight of the fish fillet.
- b) the weight of glaze applied to frozen fish product must not exceed five per cent of the net weight;
- c) the weight of glaze applied to frozen prawn product must not exceed six per cent of the net weight; and
- d) the weight of glaze applied to all other frozen aquatic products must not exceed eight per cent of the net weight.

Approved Arrangements (AA)

All Russian-approved AQIS establishments and vessels which undertake processing, as defined in the *Export Control (Fish and Fish Products) Orders 2005* are eligible to export fish and fish products to the Russian Federation. Amendments to your AA to include the above importing country requirements for Russia as an export destination may be required.

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