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Fish heads, fish intestines (visceral by-products) and squid nidamental glands for human consumption

The Republic of Korea's Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MiFAFF) have advised Australia that new criteria and standards for the importation into ROK of frozen fish heads, intestines (visceral by-products, including edible roe) and squid nidamental glands for human consumption came into effect on 16 June 2010. MiFAFF have also advised that a 12 month implementation delay has been granted to those processing establishments with an established trade history with ROK.

Australia is currently negotiating export market access requirements with the ROK, however, in line with MiFAFF advice, until further notice, the following **frozen** products for human consumption **may only be exported from processing establishments with an established trade history with ROK:**

- fish heads;
- fish visceral by-products, including edible roe; and
- squid nidamental glands..

The above products are exempt from these requirements when exported chilled.

While ROK has not defined what is meant by an established trade history, it would appear that the processing establishment must have exported this product to ROK prior to 16 June 2010 in order for future exports to be granted access.

Please note, fish heads that are currently approved for export to ROK for human consumption include cod (*Gadus morhua*, *Gadus ogac* and *Gadus macrocephalus*), hake (*Merluccius australis*) and tuna, and are covered in HS code 0303.

Edible frozen fish intestines are covered in HS Codes 0303 and 0307.

Further advice will be issued regarding the new criteria and standards as trade negotiations between Australia and ROK progress.

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