## Market Access Advice

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New Zealand: Access Conditions for Abalone and Dried Anchovy

The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) has been advised by Biosecurity New Zealand of a new Import Health Standard for Marine Fisheries Products for Human Consumption (FISMARIC.ALL) The new Standard was issued on 19 November 2007 and it replaces the previous Standard issued on 18 September 2001. The new Import Health Standard applies to all countries and can be viewed at: http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/imports/animals/standards/fismaric.all.htm

Relevant changes to the New Zealand market access conditions include the following:

- The risks posed by the import of dried anchovy have been assessed as negligible. These products are now eligible to be imported without being identifiable as being of marine origin.
- All abalone imported into New Zealand under this standard must now have the shell removed and must be cooked. The cooking process employed must ensure that all protein in the product is coagulated.

The contact point for this new standard is:

Animal Imports Biosecurity New Zealand PO Box 2526 Wellington Phone: 04 894 0459

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Email: imports@maf.govt.nz

AQIS has updated EXDOC to take account of the New Zealand requirements and anybody wishing to export abalone to New Zealand should contact the Fish Exports Program EXDOC Administrator on either 02 6272 5850 or <a href="mailto:fish@aqis.gov.au">fish@aqis.gov.au</a>

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