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Singapore: Norovirus testing requirement for frozen oysters

The Singapore Agrifood and Veterinary Authority (AVA) has advised AQIS that it will enforce its requirement that all consignments of frozen oysters are accompanied by a laboratory analysis certificate that confirms that the oysters are free of norovirus. Singapore has indicated that consignments of frozen oysters that are not accompanied with a laboratory certificate showing that norovirus is not present will not be allowed to enter Singapore.

In order to comply with the Singaporean requirements, all consignments of frozen oysters for export to Singapore are required to be tested for norovirus and the resultant laboratory report, if it confirms that the oyster are free of norovirus, must accompany the health certification provided by AQIS. If you intend to export frozen oysters to Singapore please contact fish@aqis.gov.au first, as special procedures relating to issuance of certification will apply.

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