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EU: Additional labelling requirements for escolar and related species

The European Commission has amended Regulation EC/845/2004, which is the hygiene standard for foods of animal origin. The amendments are contained in Regulation EC/1021/2008 and will have limited impact, as current Australia fish production practices will meet the majority of them. However, in the case of consignments of snake mackerel, escolar and oilfish, a new labelling requirement is stipulated. Each package must be labelled with both the scientific and common names of the fish and must provide information on preparation and a warning of the presence of substances that may cause adverse gastrointestinal effects. A copy of the regulation can be obtained by following the link below. http://www.fsai.ie/legislation/food/eu_docs/Food_hygiene/Reg1021_2008.pdf

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