



MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

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Confirmed *Bonamia exitiosa* in Victorian native flat oysters (*Ostrea angasi*)

Attention	Industries	Seafood
	Department of Agriculture and Water Resources	Central and Regional offices
Affected Markets		French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Ukraine
Further Information		Please contact exports@agriculture.gov.au if you have any queries.

On 7 January 2016, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) notified the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) of the confirmed detection of *Bonamia exitiosa* in native flat oysters (*Ostrea angasi*) located in Victoria.

As a result of this detection, the department has reviewed export certification for bivalve molluscs for all markets to determine which certification can no longer be issued. The department will suspend all certification for affected products from French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Ukraine effective from today, 7 January 2016. Affected certification is indicated in [Attachment 1](#).

The department does not anticipate significant trade disruptions; however, exporters should be aware that other trading partners may impose bans on Australian bivalve molluscs in response to Australia's OIE notification. Should exporters encounter any difficulty with the clearance of consignments as a result of this detection please e-mail exports@agriculture.gov.au. The department will manage detained consignments as a priority.

The department will keep industry informed of further developments.

The information provided above is current at the time of writing and is intended for use as guidance only and should not be taken as definitive or exhaustive. The Commonwealth endeavours to keep information current and accurate, however, it may be subject to change without notice. Exporters are encouraged to verify these details with their importers prior to undertaking production/exports. The Commonwealth will not accept liability for any loss resulting from reliance on information contained in this notice.

Attachment 1

COUNTRIES AND PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY THE DETECTION OF BONAMIA EXITIOSA IN VICTORIA

Country	Product	Certificate	Area affected	Comments
French Polynesia	All live and non-viable bivalve molluscs	FX46	Australia	
New Caledonia	Live bivalve molluscs of the Ostrea sp only	FXNC03	Australia	All non-viable molluscs and other molluscs species are still eligible for export
Ukraine	All live and non-viable bivalve molluscs of the Ostrea sp only	FXUA01	Victoria	All other molluscs species are still eligible for export