



## **MARKET ACCESS ADVICE**

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### ***Bonamia exitiosa*: Trade update for the European Union and French Polynesia**

<b>Attention</b>	<b>Industries</b>	Seafood
	<b>Department of Agriculture and Water Resources</b>	Central and Regional offices
<b>Affected Markets</b>		<b>The European Union and French Polynesia</b>
<b>Further Information</b>		Please contact <a href="mailto:exports@agriculture.gov.au">exports@agriculture.gov.au</a> if you have any queries.

This market access advice (MAA) updates MAA 2016-01 issued on 7 January 2016 and provides information relating to the export of Australian oysters intended for human consumption to the European Union (EU) and French Polynesia.

#### **The European Union**

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) reminds exporters that Australian native flat oysters (*Ostrea angasi*) are current not eligible to be exported to the EU.

#### **French Polynesia**

French Polynesian authorities have advised of revised import requirements for Australian bivalve molluscs following the detection of *Bonamia exitiosa* in Victorian native flat oysters (*Ostrea angasi*). The following oyster species and products are now eligible to be exported to French Polynesia;

- species of oysters not susceptible to *B.exitiosa* sourced from any state/territory
- susceptible\* oyster species sourced from outside Victoria (infected zone) i.e. from all other Australian states/territories
- susceptible\* oyster species sourced from Victoria (infected zone) provided they have been have been partially de-shelled.

\*Susceptible oyster species include the Australian mud oyster (*Ostrea angasi*), Chilean flat oyster (*Ostrea chilensis*), European flat oyster (*Ostrea edulis*) and oyster (*Ostrea stentina*).

Trade in whole susceptible oyster species sourced from Victoria remains suspended.

Export certification for Australian bivalve molluscs has been updated and is now available upon request. MICOR has also been updated to reflect certification changes.

The department will keep industry informed of further developments.

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## 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