



## **MARKET ACCESS ADVICE**

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### **All countries: White Spot disease declaration for prawns.**

<b>Attention</b>	<b>Industries</b>	Seafood
	<b>Department of Agriculture</b>	Central and Regional offices
<b>Affected Markets</b>		<b>All prawn exports</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) describes new requirements for the export of prawns.

On 1 December 2016, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources notified the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) of the confirmed detection of White Spot disease (white spot) in black tiger prawns (*Penaeus monodon*) located in South East Queensland.

An exporter declaration is required confirming the prawns are free from white spot.

Effective 22 February 2017, the following declaration must be made when raising a request for permit to export prawns.

*The prawns in this consignment have not been sourced from a farm or fishing zone where white spot disease has been confirmed.*

Failure to insert this statement attesting to the above will result in the RFP being rejected. If the exact wording is not used your RFP will error.

The department reminds exporters that any declarations made to the Commonwealth must be true and accurate. False declarations may result in prosecution.

The Manual of Importing Country Requirements (MICoR) is being updated.

*If you are an export registered establishment and wish to update your email address, please send an email to [exportestablishmentregistration@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:exportestablishmentregistration@agriculture.gov.au). Please note, it is important to consider who in your business are the appropriate person/s to receive notifications as the Department can keep two email contacts on file.*

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