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To Importers of Seafood from New Zealand

Risk Management Programmes and HACCP

In New Zealand seafood businesses operating under the Animal Products Act 1999 must develop and follow a documented risk management programme. Risk management programmes are legally binding documents in which operators set out how they will follow hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) principles and good operating practice to manage food safety.

The programmes are registered by the Ministry for Primary Industries (or its predecessor New Zealand Food Safety Authority) and independently verified on an ongoing basis to ensure seafood products are fit for their intended use. Registration of the risk management programme continues to remain valid until the business ceases operating, and therefore the registration certificate does not have an expiry date

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