

Voluntary Report – Voluntary - Public Distribution

Date: May 26,2020

Report Number: JA2020-0109

Report Name: Japan Accepts the Revised Washington State Sanitary Certificate for Fresh Oysters

Country: Japan

Post: Tokyo

Report Category: Fishery Products, Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards - Certification

Prepared By: Daisuke Sasatani

Approved By: Mariya Rakhovskaya

Report Highlights:

From June 1, 2020, Japan will require the use of a revised sanitary certificate for fresh oyster exports. Washington State Department of Health amended its sanitary certificate for oyster exports to meet the new requirements. Quarantine stations at Japan Customs will accept the revised Washington State certificate.

Background:

On June 13, 2018, Japan amended the Food Sanitation Act, which revised requirements for sanitary certificates for imported oysters destined for raw consumption. On November 7, 2019, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) finalized the list of new requirements for the oyster sanitary certificate, which will be enforced from June 1, 2020 ([JA2019-0200](#)).

On May 15, 2020, MHLW sent a notification titled "[How to Handle Imported Oysters for Raw Consumption](#)" to MHLW officials at quarantine stations throughout Japan. The notification detailed how to process fresh oyster imports from June 1, 2020. In the notification, MHLW announced its recognition of the Washington State Department of Health sanitary certificate for raw oysters, provided the exporter was registered in the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List (ICSSL). MHLW requested quarantine station officials to verify exporter's name on the certificate in the [ICSSL](#) system.

Fresh oyster exporters from Washington State are required to use this new certificate from June 1, 2020.

Contact Information:

Washington State Department of Health, Export Certificates

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Shellfish/CommercialShellfish/Export>

Attachments:

No Attachments.