

SFA Export Library Market Reports on Food Import Regulations and Standards

Country of Origin	Singapore (SG)
Country of Destination	Malaysia (MY)
Food Product Category	Fish and Seafood Products
Product Code	HS Codes: 0302 – 0309, 1604/05

The information in this document has been compiled and provided by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA). SFA emphasises that importers and exporters have the responsibility to find out the import requirements of destination countries/regions/markets. Exporters are advised to confirm with their importers on the import requirements and eligibility of their product before exporting.

SN	Sub-header	Details
1	Product eligibility / ineligibility	Fish and seafood products are eligible for export from Singapore to Malaysia. Customs (Prohibition of Imports) Order 2017 describes those fish and seafood products which are prohibited to be imported into Malaysia from all countries except in the manner provided in Part I of the Third Schedule (Items 9-11). The importer must comply with the import/export requirements .
2	Importing country authority	<p>The Department of Fisheries (DOF) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries (MAFI) is responsible for the regulation of the import of live fish into Malaysia.</p> <p>The Fisheries Development Authority of Malaysia (LKIM) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries (MAFI) is responsible for the regulation of the import of fish and seafood products into Malaysia.</p>
3	Pre-export approvals by the importing country	<p>Establishment No establishment listing is required for fish and seafood products exported from Singapore to Malaysia.</p> <p>Importer (1)Importer Registration</p>

		<p>The Food Safety and Quality Division under the Ministry of Health (MOH) manages the import of food through the FoSIM system. All importers must apply for an account and register with MOH.</p> <p>(2) Import Permit</p> <p>According to the Matrix for Importation of Foods, respective federal and state authorities will handle the import of food as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Peninsular Malaysia and Labuan, the import of animal based product requires import permit issued by the Department of Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) under the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services Act 2011 [Act 728]. - In Sabah, the import of fish and fish product requires import permit issued by the Department of Fisheries Sabah or inspection and approval from LKIM. - In Sarawak, the import of fish and fish product requires import permit issued by the Department of Agriculture Sarawak (Veterinary Quarantine Services) or the Department of Marine Fisheries Sarawak or inspection and approval from LKIM.
4	Export certificates for food	<p>(1) Health Certificate</p> <p>An Export Health Certificate issued by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is required for each consignment. For exports that require an Export Health Certificate, you may forward the import permit / conditions to SFA here.</p> <p>Fisheries (Fish Disease Control Compliance For Exports And Imports) Regulations 2012 states that each consignment of imported fish and seafood product must include the original Health Certificate issued by the competent authority of exporting country.</p> <p>Additional import documentation for specific foods (including Appendix A1) states that additional attestation is required for the import of shrimps, prawns, and crabs. While the statement on absence of chloramphenicol is not required for only “wild caught” shrimps, prawns and crabs, the declaration of “wild caught” must be indicated on the Health Certificate.</p> <p>(2) Certificate of Analysis</p>

		<p>Additional import documentation for specific foods (including Appendix A1) also states that imported seaweed and seaweed products must include a test report issued by an ISO 17025 accredited and competent authority recognised laboratory. The test parameters are inorganic arsenic, lead and cadmium.</p>
5	Regulations and standards	<p>Interested exporters who wish to export fish and seafood products to Malaysia must meet all their regulations and standards. The following links are provided as a guide:</p> <p>(1)Pesticide Residue According to Part VII Incident Constituent of the Food Regulations 1985, no person shall import, prepare for sale, or sell any food containing pesticide residue in proportion greater than that as set out in the Sixteenth Schedule. In the case where the pesticide is not specified in the Sixteenth Schedule, the pesticide residue shall not exceed the limit as recommended in the Codex Alimentarius. If neither the Sixteenth Schedule nor the Codex Alimentarius has specified the pesticide residue limit, the residue should not exceed 0.01mg/kg of food.</p> <p>(2)Veterinary Drug Residue According to Part VII Incident Constituent of the Food Regulations 1985, "drug residue" refers to the parent compounds of the drug and/or their metabolites in any edible portion of the animal product, and include residues of associated impurities of the drug concerned. No person shall import, sell, expose or offer for sale or delivery any food intended for human consumption which contains drug residues greater than the maximum permitted proportion as set out in Table I to the Fifteenth A Schedule and prohibited drugs listed in Table II.</p> <p>(3)Contaminants According to Part VII Incident Constituent of the Food Regulations 1985, no one shall import, prepare, or advertise for sale or sell any food with metal contaminant greater than the maximum permitted proportion as set out in Table I to the Fourteenth Schedule and any food which contains 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol (3-MCPD) greater than the maximum permitted proportion as set out in the Fourteenth A Schedule.</p> <p>(4)Microorganism and Toxins According to Part VII Incident Constituent of the Food Regulations 1985, "microorganisms and their toxins" include bacteria, fungi, and their toxins. No one shall import, prepare, or advertise for sale or sell any food for</p>

		<p>consumption that is contaminated with pathogenic microorganisms and any food which contains bacteria greater than the numbers as set out in Table I to the Fifteenth Schedule and any food which contains mycological contaminant greater than the maximum permitted proportion as set out in Table II.</p> <p>(5)Food Additives</p> <p>According to Part V Food Additive and Added Nutrient of the Food Regulations 1985, “food additive” means any substance that is intentionally introduced into or on a food in small quantities in order to affect the foods keeping quality, texture, consistency, appearance, odour, taste, alkalinity, or acidity, or to serve any other technological function in the manufacture, processing, preparation, treatment, packing, packaging, transport, or storage of the food, and that results or may be reasonably expected to result directly or indirectly in the substance or any of its by-products becoming a component of, or otherwise affecting the characteristics of, the food, and includes any preservative, colouring substance, flavouring substance, flavour enhancer, antioxidant and food conditioner, but shall not include nutrient supplement, incidental constituent or salt.</p> <p>The Sixth Schedule lists the permitted preservative that may be added to specific food and the maximum permitted proportion. The Seventh Schedule lists the permitted colouring substance. The Eighth Schedule lists the prohibited flavouring substance and the maximum permitted proportion of natural flavouring substance. The Ninth Schedule lists the permitted flavour enhancer. The Tenth Schedule lists the permitted antioxidant that may be added to specific food and the maximum permitted proportion. The Eleventh Schedule lists the permitted food conditioner. No person shall import, manufacture, advertise for sale or sell or introduce into or on any food any permitted food additive which does not comply with the standard prescribed in the Food Regulations and Codex Alimentarius.</p> <p>According to Part V Food Additive and Added Nutrient of the Food Regulations 1985, "added nutrient" include mineral, vitamin, amino acid, fatty acid, nucleotide or other food components which, when added singly or in combination to food, improves the nutritional value of the food. The Twelfth Schedule lists the permitted added nutrient. No food shall contain vitamin and mineral in an amount which exceeds the amount specified in Table II to the Twelfth Schedule.</p> <p>(6)Probiotic Culture</p>
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6	Labelling, packaging and marking requirements	<p>(1)Labelling</p> <p>The labeling of food must comply with the Food Act 1983 [Act 281] and Food Regulations 1985. Part IV Labelling of the Food Regulations 1985 contains regulations on general requirements for labelling of food, including the language to be used, particulars in labelling, form and manner of labelling, size and color of letters, date marking, statement of strength of ingredient, packaging on retail premises, exemption from certain regulations, matter forbidden on any label, claims on the label, nutrition labelling, nutrient content claim, nutrient comparative claim, and nutrient function claim.</p> <p>For labelling of consignments of live fish, parties can consult the forms and documents listed here.</p>

		<p>According to Part V Packaging and Labelling Requirements of the Food Irradiation Regulations 2011, the following appropriate statement shall be marked on the sales package of irradiated food immediately adjacent to the food name, and the font shall not be less than 10 font size: "TREATED WITH IONIZING RADIATION"; "TREATED WITH IRRADIATION"; "TREATED BY IRRADIATION"; or "IRRADIATED". If the food uses irradiated raw materials and the content of irradiated raw materials exceeds 5%, it shall be declared "irradiated (terdapat)" in the ingredient list.</p> <p>According to Part IV Labelling of the Food Regulations 1985, food and food ingredients obtained through modern biotechnology shall contain prescribed labelling particulars. Guidelines on labelling of foods and food inputs observed through model biotechnology also provide good information on labelling of such food.</p> <p>(2)Packaging</p> <p>According to Part VI Packages for Food of the Food Regulations 1985, no person shall import, manufacture, advertise for sale or sell, or use or cause or permit to be used in the preparation, packaging storage delivery or exposure of food for sale, any package, appliance, container or vessel that yield or could yield to its contents, any toxic, injurious or tainting substances, or which contributes to the deterioration of the food.</p>
7	Other information	<p>General Import Conditions</p> <p>Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures What You Need to Know Before Importing Fish Species Prohibited for Import into Malaysia WTO Notice of temporary emergency conditions for the importation of live Tilapia fish into Malaysia 2017 Notification of Emergency Measures Annex A (live Tilapia fish)</p> <p>Specific Import Requirements</p> <p>These import protocols published by DOF provides import procedures by commodities/species in accordance with the requirements of the Act/Regulations in force.</p> <p>Import Requirements for the Importation of Live Food Fish into Malaysia (Except Tilapia) Import Requirements for the Importation of Live Fish (Crustaceans) into Malaysia Import Requirements for the Importation of Live Fish (Mollusk) into Malaysia</p>

		<p>Import Requirements for the Importation of Live Fish (Shrimp Fry Nauplii And PL) into Malaysia</p> <p>Import Requirements for the Importation of Live Fish (Shrimp Broodstock) into Malaysia</p> <p>Regulations for the Importation of Marine/ Freshwater Fish Fry into Malaysia</p> <p>ASEAN resources on prepared / processed foods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulation - Malaysia (contains a comprehensive list of regulations, standards, and decrees in static PDF files) <p>ASEAN Trade Repository</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ASEAN Member States' National Trade Repositories - Search Harmonised Standards in ASEAN <p>Contact Information Fisheries Biosecurity Division Department of Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries 3rd Floor, Podium 2, Block 4G2, Wisma Tani, Precint 4 Federal Government Administrative Centre 62628 Putrajaya, Malaysia Tel: +(06) 03 8870 4606 Fax: +(06) 03 8890 3794 E-mail: fbs@dof.gov.com.my</p>
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