Import of live oysters is only allowed from the following countries or regions which meet SFA's requirements for a shellfish sanitation programme.

- Australia
- Canada
- France
- Ireland
- Japan (Fukuoka, Hiroshima, Hokkaido, Mie, Miyagi and Oita Prefectures)
- The Netherlands
- New Zealand
- United Kingdom
- USA

Each import consignment must be accompanied by a **health certificate** issued by the relevant authority of the exporting country or region.