



SECTION B

Permit Conditions: Commercial Import of Wild Captured Fish and Fish Products

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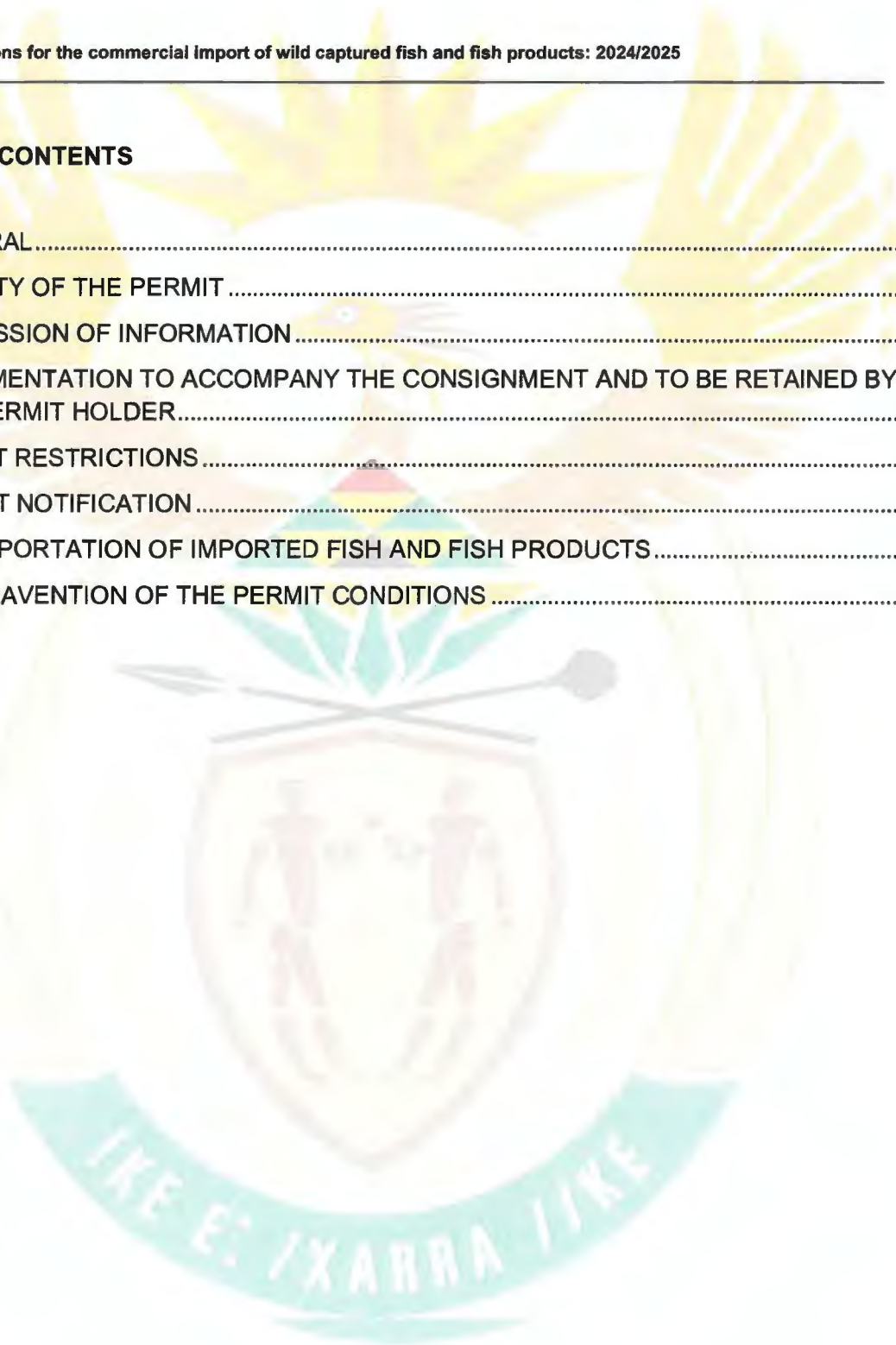
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1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Section A (“the permit”) is issued under the provisions of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) (“the MLRA”) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 1.2. The Chief Director: Marine Resources Management, Director: Inshore Fisheries Management, Director: Offshore & High Seas Fisheries Management, Director: Small-Scale Fisheries Management, Chief Director: Aquaculture & Economic Development and Director: Sustainable Aquaculture Management shall be entitled to amend these permit conditions where necessary.
- 1.3. A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, or its employees whether permanent or temporary, its contractors agents or advisers may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (which may include Section 28 proceedings and/or criminal proceedings). A breach includes, but is not limited to:
- a) furnishing false or incomplete information to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (‘the Department’);
 - b) contravening or failure to comply with a Permit Condition imposed or other provisions of the MLRA;
 - c) contravening or failure to comply with a provision of the MLRA; and or
 - d) being convicted of an offence in terms of the MLRA.
- 1.4. Any reference to the Permit Holder in these Permit Conditions includes the entity or person in whose name the permit has been issued (“the Permit Holder”) its employees whether permanent or temporary its contractors, agents (Clearing Agents) or advisers and the driver of the vehicle transporting the goods to be imported.
- 1.5. Any fish or fish products that are deemed for Import (Section A) will be covered by this permit and Permit Conditions.

2. VALIDITY OF THE PERMIT

- 2.1. This permit shall be valid for the period indicated in Section A of the Permit (“the Permit”).
- 2.2 The Permit shall automatically expire and become invalid if:
 - (a) the Permit is revoked or cancelled in terms of Section 28 of the MLRA;
 - (b) the fish or fish product that is permitted to be imported is imported; or
 - (c) the validity period in 2.1 expires.

3. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

- 3.1. The Permit Holder shall submit the following information by the 15th of the month following the month in which the import was made:
 - a) Completed electronic monthly import summaries must be e-mailed to ImportExport@dffe.gov.za. The electronic formats can be obtained from the relevant DFFE officials listed in 3.2 or it may be obtained from the DFFE website (www.dffe.gov.za).
 - b) The electronic monthly import summary file must be saved in the companies’ abbreviated name, month and year, e.g., Marine Imports submitting data in January 2013 would save the file name as follows MI012013.
 - c) The import summary shall only contain the previous month information.
- 3.2. Queries pertaining to the information requested in paragraph 3.1 (a) shall be directed to the relevant DFFE official responsible for the particular species being imported:

Species to be exported	DFFE Official	E-mail Address	Tel No
Hake, kingklip, sole, monk, demersal sharks, horse mackerel and other trawl caught species	Ms Regina Dyasi	MDyasi@dffe.gov.za	021 402 3042
Tuna, billfish, pelagic sharks, Patagonian toothfish, anchovy, sardine, redeye and	Ms Vatiswa Ngqumba Mr Aphiwe Nonkeneza Mr Johannes De Goede	VNgqumba@dffe.gov.za ANonkeneza@dffe.gov.za JDeGoede@dffe.gov.za	021 402 3216 021 402 3026

other purse seine by-catch			021 402 3683 or 022 714 1880
Prawns, crabs and shrimps	Mr Luyanda Tuko Ms Heidie Coetzee	LTuko@dffe.gov.za HCoetzee@dffe.gov.za	021 402 3120 021 402 3091
Linefish, netfish, and squid	Mr Benjamin Mdledle Ms Bernacia Mullins Ms Nkgabiseng Sejosengoe Mr Nhlahla Nkosi Mr Vuyisani Jozana	BMdledle@dffe.gov.za BMullins@dffe.gov.za NSejosengoe@dffe.gov.za NNkosi@dffe.gov.za VJozana@dffe.gov.za	0241 402 3075 021 402 3577 021 402 3726 078 458 0911 083 321 8483
Seaweed, mussels and other small invertebrates	Mr Sindisa Sigama Ms Nkgabiseng Sejosengoe	SSigam@dffe.gov.za NSejosengoe@dffe.gov.za	021 402 3680 021 402 3726

3.3. The issuing of an import permit shall only be considered if all electronic monthly summaries in respect of a previously issued import permit have been submitted by the Permit Holder.

3.4. The Permit Holder shall provide, on request, any economic, socio-economic or financial information in the format as requested by the Department

4. DOCUMENTATION TO ACCOMPANY THE CONSIGNMENT AND TO BE RETAINED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER

4.1. The following documentation must accompany each consignment of fish and fish products imported, and copies thereof should be retained by the Permit Holder:

- a) Waybills;
- b) Customs declarations (DA550) and F178 (where applicable);
- c) Certificates of Origin;
- d) Import permits and/or certified copies of import permits;
- e) Health Certificates (where applicable) and
- f) Invoices reflecting the full details of the exporter or seller of the fish and fish products to the Permit Holder, including the address and contact details, the date of delivery of fish and/or fish products to the Permit Holder, the quantity, species and mass of the fish/ fish products sold.

- 4.2 In the case of swordfish, bigeye tuna, southern bluefin tuna, Patagonian Toothfish, and Antarctic Toothfish validated trade documents (e.g., statistical documents, such as catch monitoring forms and catch tagging forms) must be sent to the South Africa Competent Authorities. Enquiries in this regard can be addressed to Mr. Aphiwe Nonkeneza (Tel: 021 402 3026; ANonkeneza@dffe.gov.za) or Mr. Johannes de Goede (Tel: 022 714 1880; JDeGoede@dffe.gov.za).
- 4.3 Documentation mentioned in 4.1 shall be made available to the Department on request.
- 4.4 The Permit Holder shall retain documentation mentioned in 4.1 for a period of not less than 60 (sixty) months.

5. PERMIT RESTRICTIONS

- 5.1. This import permit is **not** valid for the following fish species:
- a) Live marine fish (all species);
 - b) Abalone (all species);
 - c) Spat;
 - d) Oysters (all species);
 - e) South Coast Rock Lobster (*Palinurus gilchristi*) and *Panulirus homarus*;
 - f) Elf or Shad (*Pomotomus saltrix*);
 - g) Prohibited species (excluding swordfish) listed in Annexure 4, 7 and 9 of the amended Regulations of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998: GN Regulation 1111 of 2 September 1998, as published in Government Gazette No 27453, vol 478, on 6 April 2005;
 - h) Live marine coral (all species);
 - i) Live rock;
 - j) CITES-listed species; and
 - k) White mussel (*Donax serra*)
- 5.2. The following restrictions apply to the importation of crab (*Scylla serrata*):
- a) All imports of *S. serrata* must be reported to the Fisheries Compliance Officer (Tel: 031 264 0006, Ms. Delricia Augustus, Cell: 0664711460, e-mail address: DAugustus@dffe.gov.za; or Mr. Lungile Nodwala, Cell: 0836503707, e-mail

address: LNodwala@dfpe.gov.za or Mr. Thanduxolo Ntshangase, Cell: 079 444 9951, e-mail address: TNtshangase@dfpe.gov.za), 48 hours prior to the importation, regardless of the entry point into South Africa;

- b) No importation of live crab or female crab in berry;
- c) Only frozen whole crab or frozen crab pieces weighing 600 g or more each may be imported; and
- d) No more than **500 tons** may be imported, in total on annual basis. A running total will be available from Compliance Office in Durban.

5.3. This import permit is only valid for the import of species for which catch documentation measures are in place provided that the required catch documentation accompanies the consignment. Species for which catch documentation are required at present are Swordfish, Big-Eye Tuna, Southern Bluefin Tuna, Patagonian Toothfish and Antarctic Toothfish.

6. IMPORT NOTIFICATION

6.1. Prior to each Import in terms of this Permit, the Permit Holder or its Representatives shall notify the Department via e-mail to Imports@dfpe.gov.za of such import taking place. The notification shall be submitted 12 hours prior to the import and shall include the following information:

- a) Date;
- b) Port of Entry;
- c) Permit Holder;
- d) Permit Number;
- e) Product to be imported (e.g., Snoek, Rock Lobster, Hake, etc);
- f) Product type (Fresh, Canned, Frozen, Dried, etc);
- g) Kilograms to be imported;
- h) Balance of kilograms left on the permit;
- i) Supplier;
- j) Means of transport (rail or flight or road), and
- k) Clearing Agent Name & Contact Details (Cell or Tel or e-mail).

6.2. The subject of the e-mail should be: Import: Permit Holders Name.

6.3. Should the information provided on the notification change then a subsequent final notification reflecting the amendments shall be sent 4 hours prior to the product being imported.

7. TRANSPORTATION OF IMPORTED FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS

7.1. All wild captured fish and fish products imported under the provisions of the permit may be transported without any additional transport permit.

8. CONTRAVENTION OF THE PERMIT CONDITIONS

8.1. Contravening or failing to comply with the MLRA, these Permit Conditions or providing false and or misleading information on the by the Permit Holder may result in the non-issuing of any permit or the initiation of legal proceedings, which may include Section 28 proceedings.



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