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SECTION B

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

2025/2026

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1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Section A (“the permit”) is issued in terms of section 13 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) (“the MLRA”) read with regulation 27(1)(e) of the General Regulations promulgated thereunder in GNR 1111 of 2 September 1998.
- 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. Any reference to the Permit Holder in these Permit Conditions includes the entity or person in whose name the permit has been issued its employees, whether permanent or temporary, its contractors, agents and/ or advisors and the driver of the vehicle transporting the goods to be imported.
- 1.4. A breach of the provisions of the MLRA or these permit conditions by the Permit Holder, may result in the initiation of legal proceedings (which may include proceedings in terms of section 28 of the MLRA and/ or criminal proceedings).
- 1.5. Only those fish or fish products listed in Section A may be imported in terms of this permit.

2. VALIDITY OF THE PERMIT

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

3. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

3.1. The Permit Holder must submit the following information by the 15th day of the month following the month in which the import was made:

- a) Completed electronic monthly import summaries must be e-mailed to **ImportExport@dfre.gov.za**. The electronic format on which to submit the report can be obtained from the relevant DFFE officials listed in 3.2 or it may be obtained from the DFFE website (www.dfre.gov.za).
- b) The electronic monthly import summary file must be saved in the company's 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 months' 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@dfre.gov.za	021 402 3042
Tuna, billfish, pelagic sharks, Patagonian toothfish, anchovy, sardine, redeye and other purse seine by-catch	Mr Aphiwe Nonkeneza Mr Johannes De Goede	ANonkeneza@dfre.gov.za JDegoede@dfre.gov.za	021 402 3026 021 402 3683 or 022 714 1880
Prawns, crabs and shrimps	Luyanda Tuko Heidie Coetzee	LTuko@dfre.gov.za HCoetzee@dfre.gov.za	021 402 3120 021 402 3091
Linefish, netfish, and squid	Mr Benjamin Mdledle Ms Bernacia Mullins Ms Nkgabiseng Sejosengoe Mr Nhlahla Nkosi	BMdledle@dfre.gov.za BMullins@dfre.gov.za NSejosengoe@dfre.gov.za NNkosi@dfre.gov.za	021 402 3075 021 402 3577 021 402 3726 078 458 0911

Seaweed, mussels	Mr Sindisa Sigam	SSigam@dffe.gov.za	021 402 3680
and other small invertebrates	Ms Nkgabiseng Sejosengoe	NSejosengoe@dffe.gov.za	021 402 3726

3.3. The issuing of an import permit will only be favourably considered if all previous permit conditions have been complied with, including all electronic monthly summaries in respect of the previous import permit having been submitted.

3.4. The Permit Holder must, on request, provide any economic, socio-economic or financial information which may be required by the Department 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 for a minimum period of five years:

- 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 African 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. In the case of a South African fishing vessel fishing in the neighboring country Mozambique and re-entering South Africa's Exclusive Economic Zone with Mozambique Rock Lobster (*Palinurus delagoa*), the validated charter fishing agreements, such as the total mass and landing declaration documents must be sent to the South African Competent Authority. Enquiries in this regard can be addressed to Mr. Luyanda Tuko (Tel: 021 402 3120; LTuko@dfre.gov.za) or Ms. Heidie Coetzee (Tel: 021 402 3091; HCoetzee@dfre.gov.za).

4.4. Documentation mentioned in 4.1 shall be made available to the Department on request.

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 salatrix*);
- 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 Crab (*S. serrata*) must be reported to the Fisheries Compliance Officer (Tel: 031 264 0006, Ms. Delricia Augustus, Cell: 0664711460, e-mail address: DAugustus@dfre.gov.za; or Mr. Lungile Nodwala, Cell: 0836503707, e-mail address: LNodwala@dfre.gov.za or Mr. Thanduxolo

Ntshangase, Cell: 079 444 9951, e-mail address: TNtshangase@dffe.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 is permitted;
- c) Only frozen whole crab or frozen crab pieces weighing 600 g or more per crab 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.

6. IMPORT NOTIFICATION

6.1. Twelve hours prior to each import in terms of this Permit, the Permit Holder must notify the Department via e-mail sent to Imports@dffe.gov.za, of the intended import taking place. The notification must 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 Holder's 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.

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7. TRANSPORTATION OF IMPORTED FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS

- 7.1. All wild captured fish and fish products imported under the Permit may be transported without any additional transport permit provided that the transporter is in position of the import 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 by the Permit Holder may result in the refusal to issue a subsequent permit or the initiation of legal proceedings, which may include proceedings in terms of section 28 of the MLRA and/ or criminal proceedings.

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