

**Approved by order Ü-12 dated 16 May 2018 of the Azerbaijan Republic
Food Safety Agency**

VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS

**to importing food fish, marine products and finished products of them, which
gone through the thermal processing to Azerbaijan Republic**

Live, cooled and frozen fish, marine products and finished products of them, which have gone through thermal processing, intended for human consumption, produced at the enterprises which have permission of the central state veterinary service of the exporting country on delivery of products to the export and which are permanently controlled by the state veterinary service of the exporting country is allowed to be imported to Azerbaijan Republic.

Fish and marine products originate from enterprises (including floating fish factories) located on the administrative territories free from African swine fever - during the last 3 years and foot and mouth disease in the last 12 months.

Commercial marine and freshwater fish, as well as marine products, should be examined by the state service of the exporting country for the presence of helminths, bacterial and viral infections by methods used in the exporting country.

In the event that helminthes are within the limits of permissible limits, fish should be neutralized by existing methods.

Fish and marine products should not be fed with feed containing raw materials, developed using genetic engineering methods or other genetically modified sources. Importation of the following frozen fish and marine products into the Azerbaijan Republic is not allowed:

- having a temperature in the product thickness, above -18° of Celsius;
- seeded with salmonella or other bacterial infections;
- with changes characteristic to infectious diseases;
- of poor-quality organoleptic indicators;
- defrosted during storage;
- treated with coloring and odorous substances, ionizing radiation or ultraviolet rays.

While conducting veterinary and sanitary examination, it should be approved that marine and freshwater fish, marine products and finished products of them are beneficial for human consumption, and they should not contain natural or synthetic, estrogenic, hormonal substances, thyreostatic drugs, antibiotics pesticides and other medicinal substances.

Microbiological, chemical and toxicological and radiological indicators of fish and marine products should comply with the veterinary and sanitary rules and requirements in force in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Tare and packing materials should be disposable and meet to the hygienic requirements.

Means of transportation are treated and prepared according to the usual regulations of the exporting country.

Fulfillment of conditions, indicated in the present requirements should be thoroughly approved by the veterinary certificate, signed by the state veterinarian of the exporting country and drawn up in the language of the exporting country and in English.

The loading of the untreated product for shipment to the Republic of Azerbaijan is only possible after the importer has obtained permission from the Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan reserves the right to conduct the certification of the floating fish factories and fish processing enterprises by their veterinary specialists on the possibility of supplying products to the Republic of Azerbaijan.