AGRINFO Guide: Exporting aquaculture products to the European Union

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AGRINFO has published guidance introducing recent and upcoming changes in EU requirements regarding aquaculture products exported to the European Union

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Update

This Guide provides a simple introduction to the major requirements that producers and competent authorities in non-EU countries must meet to export aquaculture products to the EU market. It highlights significant and recent upcoming regulatory changes, including revised model certificates, and controls of antimicrobial medicinal products. The Guide is available in English, French, and Spanish.

Impacted products

Fish, crustaceans, and their products

Key requirements for exporting aquaculture products to the EU

- Exporting countries must be authorised to export aquaculture products, in particular for food safety requirements and residue control plans for pharmacologically active substances, pesticides, and contaminants
- Aquaculture establishments must be listed for export by the exporting country, and must be included in a list published by the European Commission.
- Revised model certificates must be used.
- NEW: Exporting countries must be authorised and listed by the European Commission as having appropriate controls of restrictions on the use of certain antibiotics/antimicrobial medicinal products (from 3 September 2026).

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- Aquaculture products must meet specific labelling requirements, including the scientific name and commercial designation of the species, production method, and area where the product was farmed.

This short guide is intended to help businesses and competent authorities navigate EU rules; it is not intended to serve as a comprehensive basis for ensuring compliance. Exporters of aquaculture products should carefully read and apply the relevant legislation referred to in the Guide.

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