

Unofficial Translation

Fish Inspection and Quality Control Division

Department of Fishery, Jatujak District, Bangkok 10900

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Re: Health Certificate for Export of Fish and Fish Product to the European Union

Dear President, Thai Tuna Industry Association

Attachment: ISSUANCE OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF FISH AND FISH PRODUCT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION REGULATIONS

As the European Union has regulations requiring that fish and fish products are supplied for fish product for export to the European Union shall comply with the European Union requirements for quality control at certificate throughout the production process - from catching, managing, refrigerating, conversion, transporting, production and processing, especially under Regulations (EC) No 852/2004, 853/2004 and 854/2004. Therefore, fish and fish products that Thailand imported as raw materials for further production and processing of fish and fish products need issuance of health certificates in accordance with EU Regulations. In addition, fish that was caught and transported into Thailand by fishing boats or transshipping also need health certificates issued by vessel's captain. However, presently health certificate for export of fish and fish product has not yet included these specific clauses. In addition, health certificate is not presented by captains of fishing vessels catching fish outside of the Thai water and import into Thailand by boat. These conditions may cause the European Union to ban fish and fish product from Thailand.

Therefore, to ensure that raw materials of fish and fish product that are imported for production and processing are eligible for export to the European Union, the Fish Inspection and Quality Control Division would like to inform you that fish and fish products exported from a source country to the European Union from 1st November 2017 and beyond shall have an issuance of health certificate for fish and fish product according to the Regulations. Details are provided in the attached document.

Sincerely Yours,

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