

AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION REPORT

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**CRITERIA TO ASSESS THE SAFETY OF AQUATIC ANIMAL PRODUCTS
DESTINED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION**

1. The aquatic animal product is prepared and packaged for direct retail trade for human consumption;
AND
2. Includes only a small amount of waste tissues;
AND
- 3a. The disease agent is unlikely to be present in the waste tissues;
OR
- 3b. The disease agent does occur in the waste tissues but the processing (i.e. post importation such as cooking) to produce the final consumable product involves processes known to inactivate and/or reduce the load of disease agent:
 - i) Physical (e.g. temperature, drying, smoking);
AND/OR
 - ii) Chemical (e.g. pH, salting, smoking);
AND/OR
 - iii) Biological (e.g. fermentation).