



Seafood Inspection Program  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Plants and Users of USDC Seafood Inspection  
Program Services  
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SUBJECT: Notice of Change in Fees and Charges for the U.S.  
Department of Commerce Seafood Inspection Program--  
Effective October 1, 2008

Beginning October 1, 2008, the basic hourly fee for full-time, contracted, non-HACCP, inspection services provided by the USDC Seafood Inspection Program (Program) will be \$76.00. This is an increase of approximately 7%. This increase is a result from the anticipated Federal Pay Act increase for 2009 and significant increases in travel and other operating expenses.

This Program is not subsidized by appropriated funding and therefore relies entirely on fee-for-service income to fund its operating costs. The rate-setting methodology for FY 2009 for HACCP and consultative services was the same as FY 2008. Charges for certain label reviews will continue as well as the requirement for prepayment for non-contract customers.

#### **FEES AND CHARGES FOR USDC SEAFOOD INSPECTION PROGRAM**

Effective October 1, 2008, the per hour fees and charges for fishery products inspection services (except Alaska) will be as follows: (See page 2 for Alaska service rates.)

##### **Contract Rates**

Regular time: Services provided during any 8-hour shift.  
Overtime: Services provided outside the inspector's normal work schedule.

In addition to any hourly service charge, a night differential fee equal to 10 percent of the employee's hourly salary will be charged for each hour of service provided after 6:00 p.m. and before 6:00 a.m.

##### **Non-Contract Rates**

Regular time: Services provided within the inspector's normal work schedule, Monday through Friday.  
Overtime: Services provided outside the inspector's normal work schedule.

**Contract Rates (non-HACCP)**

FOR 40 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--

REGULAR TIME .....	\$76.00
OVERTIME .....	114.00
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS .....	152.00

FOR 24-39 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--

REGULAR TIME .....	84.00
OVERTIME .....	126.00
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS .....	168.00

FOR 8-23 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--

REGULAR TIME .....	\$92.00
OVERTIME .....	138.50
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS .....	184.00

FOR <8 HR/WEEK CONTRACTS--

REGULAR TIME .....	98.00
OVERTIME .....	147.50
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS .....	196.00

**HACCP Contracts**

HACCP REGULAR.....	200.00
HACCP OVERTIME.....	300.00
HACCP SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS.....	400.00

**All Non-contract Work Rates**

REGULAR TIME .....	138.00
OVERTIME .....	207.00
SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS .....	276.00

State of Alaska: The rates outlined below are effective October 1, 2008, and apply for contract, non-HACCP services provided by cross-licensed State of Alaska inspectors. Other services provided by cross-licensed State of Alaska inspectors within the State of Alaska will be charged at the NMFS services rates shown on page 2 plus travel and other expenses. The rates charged within the State of Alaska are subject to revision at any time based on unanticipated changes in operating costs. Inspection services provided by NMFS within the State of Alaska will be charged at the NMFS service rates shown on Page 2 plus travel and other expenses.

**State of Alaska**

**Contract Rates (non-HACCP)**

REGULAR TIME .....	\$120.00
OVERTIME .....	\$180.00
SUNDAY & HOLIDAY .....	\$240.00