

**Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 23 of the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law 1990, the Director General of the Department of Fisheries issues the following Directive for Sampling Program for Export Fish and Fishery products.

SAMPLING

Batch identity

- 1.1 A batch of processed fisheries product submitted for sampling and assessment must be marked so as to positively identify the batch.

Section and assessment of sample units

- 2.1 The number of sample units required by the relevant sampling plan must be drawn at random from the batch.
- 2.2 If practicable, the sample units must be drawn by an authorised officer.
- 2.3 The sample units must be assessed against the applicable product standard in General Product Standard of Directive (9/96).

Acceptance

- 3.1 A batch of processed fisheries product is accepted as meeting the requirements of the DOF directive (9/96) General Product Standard if the number of defective sample units in the batch does not exceed the applicable acceptance number in the relevant sampling plan in this under mentioned.

Sampling plan

- 4.1 Processed fisheries product, except bulk loaded large whole fish, must be sampled in accordance with Sampling Plan 1 and assessed.

SAMPLING PLAN 1

Net content of immediate container			No. of sample units	Acceptance number
less than 1 kg	1 kg - 4.5 kg	more than 4.5 kg		
Batch size	Batch size	Batch size		
-	-	2 - 15	2	0
-	2 - 15	16 - 50	2	0
5 - 2,400	201 - 1,200	51 - 300	3	0
2,401 - 12,000	1,201 - 7,200	301 - 1,400	6	1
12,001 - 24,000	7,201 - 15,000	1,401 - 3,500	13	2
24,001 - 48,000	15,001 - 24,000	3,501 - 7,200	21	3
48,001 - 84,000	24,001 - 42,000	7,201 - 15,000	29	4
84,001 - 144,000	42,001 - 72,000	15,001 - 24,000	48	6
144,000 - 240,000	72,000 - 120,000	24,001 - 42,000	84	9
over 240,000	over 120,000	over 42,000	126	13

Sampling plan for bulk loaded large whole fish

5.1 Bulk loaded large whole fish must be sampled in accordance with Sampling Plan 2 and assessed.

SAMPLING PLAN 2 (for bulk loaded large whole fish)

Batch size	No. of sample units	Acceptance number
less than 1 t	3 fish	0
1 - 25 t	13 fish	2
26 - 50 t	26 fish	3
over 50 t	52 fish	7

Defective sample units

6.1 Even if a batch of processed fisheries product as a whole is accepted in accordance with clause 3.1 any sample unit found defective during inspection or sampling is rejected for export.

Rejection of processed food for export

7.1 If an authorized officer inspects processed food that does not meet the requirements of this directive, the officer must reject the food for export.

7.2 Processed food which has been rejected for export must be clearly identified and kept separated from other food intended for export until:

- (a) an authorized officer is satisfied it meets the requirements of this directive; or
- (b) the food is clearly identified as not for export.

Rejection of batch for export

- 8.1 A batch of processed fisheries product is rejected for export if:
- (a) the number of defective sample units in the batch exceeds the applicable acceptance number in the relevant sampling plan in this Directive; or
 - (b) any characteristic or condition of the batch of processed fisheries product renders, or may render, it unfit for human consumption; or
 - (c) the batch does not otherwise comply with a requirement of this Directive.

Note: Processed fishery product that fails to meet microbiological or chemical criteria in DOF Directive (9/96) contravenes this directive and therefore clause 8.1 (c) applies to reject the batch for export.

Food prohibited for export resubmitted for inspection

- 9.1 If processed food that:
- (a) has been rejected for export; or
 - (b) is prohibited for export; is resubmitted by the occupier of the establishment preparing the food export or exporter of the food to an authorized officer for inspection, the occupier or exporter must:
 - (c) advise the authorized officer in writing that the goods have been resubmitted for inspection; and
 - (d) indicate the nature of any further preparation or processing operations that have been undertaken in relation to the food to render it fit for export; and
 - (e) provide evidence that the further preparation or processing has resulted in the food being suitable for export.

Note: Re-assessment will only take place when the re-processing is likely to render the food satisfactory for export.

Reassessment

- 10.1 A rejected batch may be resubmitted for assessment after the defective units are removed, or the fisheries product is reprocessed or relabelled.

- 10.2 Despite sub-clause 7.2, rejected sample units may be resubmitted for assessment, either separately or as part of another batch, after they are reprocessed or relabelled.

Note: Clause 9.1 requires an occupier to advise an authorized officer in writing that the batch or rejected sample units are resubmitted, what further processing has taken place and provide evidence that the further processing or preparation has resulted in the food being suitable for export.

Sample plan for resubmitted batches

- 11.1 A resubmitted batch, except bulk loaded large whole fish, must be sampled in accordance with Sampling Plan 3 and assessed.
- 11.2 Resubmitted bulk loaded large whole fish must be sampled in accordance with Sampling Plan 2 and assessed.

SAMPLING PLAN 3 (for sampling of resubmitted batches)

Net content of immediate container			No. of sample units	Acceptance number
less than 1 kg	1 kg - 4.5 kg	more than 4.5 kg		
Batch size	Batch size	Batch size		
-	-	2 - 15	3	0
-	2 - 200	16 - 50	5	1
5 - 2,400	201 - 1,200	51 - 300	6	1
2,401 - 12,000	1,201 - 7,200	301 - 1,400	13	2
12,001 - 24,000	7,201 - 15,000	1,401 - 3,500	21	3
24,001 - 48,000	15,001 - 24,000	3,501 - 7,200	29	4
48,001 - 84,000	24,001 - 42,000	7,201 - 15,000	48	6
84,001 - 144,000	42,001 - 72,000	15,001 - 24,000	84	9
144,000 - 240,000	72,000 - 120,000	24,001 - 42,000	126	13
over 240,000	over 120,000	over 42,000	200	19

- 12.1 Any licence-holder for the processing of fish and fishery products shall abide by this Directive as one of the conditions of the licence.
- 12.2 On violation of the any terms or conditions of the Directive, criminal action may be taken under Section 45 of the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law and the licence-holder may be liable to suspension, revocation, termination and cancellation of the licence under Section 24 of the said Law.

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