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**Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service**

### **MARKET ACCESS ADVICE**

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### **RUSSIA: MARKET ACCESS FOR SEAFOOD**

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The Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) has been advised by the Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhoz nadzor) of a proposed joint Australian/Russian review of Australian fish establishments. Details of the proposed review are:

- Establishments that are not audited or do not pass audit inspection will not be allowed to export to Russia.
- Establishments may be required to contribute to the cost of the audit visit, although that cost will be kept as low as possible and establishments will be fully informed prior to committing to the audit.
- The Rosselkhoz nadzor has requested that the review take place in December 2008.

The Russian authorities have shown that they will not tolerate any deviation from the Russian regulations covering the production of fish and fish products. Some of the Russian requirements are different from Australian requirements. To meet Russian requirements all fish processing establishments must:

- ‘stand alone’ and there should be no connecting walls with other businesses.
- include a separate facility for the cleaning of vehicles
- have sealed roads and parking facilities
- have a perimeter fence or other barrier
- have separate or enclosed areas for garbage bins; and
- have all pipes and piping enclosed.

Additionally, the auditors in 2007 were very sensitive to:

- condensation on walls and other surfaces
- rusted grills and other metal fittings; and
- cross flows of product and personnel that may cause contamination.

AQIS would appreciate preliminary notice of names of registered establishments interested in being included in the review. Please contact Tania Baker at [tania.baker@aqis.gov.au](mailto:tania.baker@aqis.gov.au) to register your interest in being part of this audit by 3 October 2008. As the Russians have indicated that they would prefer to see the establishments working at capacity, AQIS would appreciate your advice on appropriate dates/times to schedule a visit to allow this to happen. Please contact me at [fay.stenhouse@daff.gov.au](mailto:fay.stenhouse@daff.gov.au) or on (02) 6272 5965 for further information on the review.



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