

2013 FISH PROCESSORS LICENCE CONDITIONS

Pursuant to the *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act, S.N.S. 1996, c.25*, the following conditions apply , unless otherwise specified, for those species of fish and marine plants listed on your 2013 Fish Processors Licence:

1. **DEFINITIONS:** In these conditions of licence:

“aquaculture finfish” means salmonids, including Atlantic salmon, rainbow trout, Arctic char and other species of trout and salmon, and all parts, products or by-products of them.

“Department” means the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

“fish” includes aquaculture finfish , finfish, shellfish, crustaceans, and marine animals, and all parts, products or by-products of them.

“IHN” means Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis.

“infected areas” means the marine waters of British Columbia, Maine U.S.A., Chile, and the New Brunswick side of the Bay of Fundy.

“ISA” means Infectious Salmon Anemia.

“licensed fish processing facility” means an establishment licensed by the Department to process fish.

“Provincial Fish Health Veterinarian” means a veterinarian employed by the Department for the purpose of providing veterinary services with respect to fish .

“processing” includes cleaning, filleting, icing, packing, canning, freezing, smoking, salting, cooking, pickling, drying or preparing fish for market in any other manner.

“secondary processing” means the processing of fish as part of its preparation for market beyond the primary processing stage achieved by:

- i. adding one or more ingredient(s) other than water or salt, which results in a substantive increase to the bulk and/or a substantive transformation to the taste and texture of the fish as a food product (for example, au gratin, chowder or sauce); or
- ii. applying some other treatment or process to it, other than salting or curing, which results in a significant taste, flavour and/or texture enhancement of the fish as a food product (for example, breading, battering, smoking, marinating or pasteurizing).

“voluntary closure” means a status applied by the Department to a licensed fish processing facility that is inactive and whose certificate of registration issued by Canadian Food Inspection Agency has been cancelled.

2. **SECONDARY PROCESSING:**

- (a) Fish to which secondary processing is restricted is to be sourced only from a licensed fish processing facility.
- (b) Secondary processing of aquaculture finfish fillets will require an effluent treatment protocol approved by the Provincial Fish Health Veterinarian.

3. **APPROVED PROTOCOLS:**

- (a) Processing of aquaculture finfish harvested from ISA and IHN infected areas will require a protocol approved by the Provincial Fish Health Veterinarian.

4. **VOLUNTARY CLOSURE:**

- (a) Processing is not permitted in a licensed fish processing facility that is in **voluntary closure**.

5. **GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

- (a) The licence holder acknowledges that it has read, understands and agrees to be bound by these terms and conditions which form part of their 2013 Fish Processors Licence.
- (b) **The licence holder is required to sign this licence condition and attach it to their 2013 Fish Processors Licence.**
- (c) These conditions of licence shall come into effect on the date the Fish Processors Licence is issued and remain in effect until December 31, 2013.

Signature of Licence Holder

Date (day/month/year)