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TO: Codex Contact Points
Interested International Organizations

FROM: Secretariat, Codex Alimentarius Commission
Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme
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SUBJECT: **Request for Comments on list of matters specific to fish and fishery products in the Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products that could be incorporated into the Generic Model Certificate**

DEADLINE: 15 February 2011

COMMENTS:

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BACKGROUND¹

1. The 30th Session of the Committee on Fish and Fishery Products considered the request from the 32nd Session of the Commission to consider the revision of the *Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products* (CAC/GL 48-2004) to ensure consistency with the adopted *Generic Model Certificate (Annex to Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificate, CAC/GL 38-2001)*.²
2. The Committee noted the need to limit the number of certificates used in international trade and considered a proposal that the Generic Model Certificate be revised to include specifics related to fish and fishery products and to revoke the Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products.
3. The Committee noted that the comparison in CRD 3 (reproduced as an Annex to this Circular Letter) provided a good basis for consideration of those matters specific to fish and fishery products to be included in the Generic Model Certificate and agreed that a Circular Letter be issued requesting comments on the list of matters specific to fish and fishery products in the Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products that could be incorporated into the Generic Model Certificate for further consideration by the next session of the Committee and possible forwarding to the CCFICS.

Request for comments

4. Comments are requested on the list of matters specific to fish and fishery products in the Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products that could be incorporated into the Generic Model Certificate.
5. Governments and international organizations wishing to provide comments should do so in writing **preferably by e-mail** to the above addresses before **15 February 2011**.

¹ ALINORM 10/33/18, paras 9-10

² available Codex website at www.codexalimentarius.net

Comparison Between the Draft Generic Model Official Certificate (Annex to the Guidelines for Design, Production, Issuance and Use of Generic Official Certificates – CAC/GL 38-2001) and The Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products (CAC/GL 48-2004)

Proposed Draft Generic Model Official Certificate	Model Certificate for Fish and Fishery Products	Comments
TITLE: Generic Model Official Certificate	TITLE: Sanitary Certificate covering Fish and Fishery Products	The CCFICS model removed “sanitary” from the title of its proposed draft Generic Certificate so that certificates may also address both aspects of Codex mandate “food safety and fair fair practices in the food trade
COUNTRY:	Country of Dispatch	Similar concepts in both certificates. Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model. “Country of Dispatch” definition: designate the name of the country of the competent authority which has the competence to verify and certify the conformity of the production of the establishments.
1. Consignor/Exporter	Name and address of the consignor	Similar concepts in both certificates. Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model.
2. Certificate number	Identification number	Similar concepts in both certificates. Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model.
3. Competent authority	Competent authority	Both certificates are consistent
4. Certifying Body	Certifying Body	Both certificates are consistent
5. Consignee/Importer	Name of consignee and address at place of destination	Similar concepts in both certificates. Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model.
6. Country of Origin	<i>Not identified</i>	Would need to be added and a decision taken as to the definition to be used. “Country of Origin” definition included in the Explanatory notes of the Proposed Generic Model: name of the country in which the products were produced, manufactured or packaged. “Country of Origin” definition taken from the GENERAL STANDARD FOR THE LABELLING OF PREPACKAGED FOODS (Codex STAN 1- 1985) under section 4.5.2 “When a food undergoes processing in a second country which changes its nature, the country in which the processing is performed shall be considered to be the country of origin for the purposes of labelling.”
8. Place of loading	<i>Not identified</i>	Not included in Fish Certificate
9. Means of transport	Means of transport	Both certificates are consistent
10. Declared point of entry	<i>Not identified</i>	Not included in Fish Certificate

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		Information may change after the competent authority signed the certificate. If included in Fish certificate, may want to clearly specify that changes to this section do not require replacement certificates.
11. Conditions for transport/storage	Temperature required during storage and transport	Similar concepts in both certificates. Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model.
12. Total Quantity* if required	<i>Not identified</i>	Not included in Fish Certificate
13. Identification of container(s)/Seal number (s):	<i>Not identified</i>	Not included in Fish Certificate
14. Total number of packages	<i>Not identified</i>	Not included in Fish Certificate
Nature of the food, commodity code (HS code) where appropriate	<i>Not identified</i>	Not included in Fish Certificate
Species*	Species (scientific name)	Both certificates are consistent
Intended purpose	<i>Not identified</i>	Not included in Fish Certificate As the intent is to specify the end use of the product (e.g. direct human consumption) only minor changes needed to add this information on the Fish Model Certificate.
Producer/Manufacturer	Address(es) and/or the Registration number(s) of production establishments(s) authorized for exports by the competent authority	Similar concepts in both certificates. Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model.
Approval number of establishments*	Address(es) and/or the Registration number(s) of production establishments(s) authorized for exports by the competent authority	Similar concepts in both certificates. Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model.
Region or compartment of origin	Not identified	Not included in Fish Certificate
Name of the product	Description of product	Similar concepts in both certificates. Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model.
Lot identifier*	Lot identifier/date code	Similar concepts in both certificates. Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model.
Type of packaging	Type of packaging	Information on both certificates. No changes required.
Number of packages	Number of packages	Information on both certificates. No changes required.
Net weight	Net weight	Both certificates are consistent
16. Attestations:	IV. ATTESTATION 1) The products described above originate from (an)	No attestations provided in the proposed Generic Model certificate, which could result in extensive discussions during

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	<p>approved establishment(s) that has been approved by, or otherwise determined to be in good regulatory standing with the competent authority in the exporting country and</p> <p>2) have been handled, prepared, or processed, identified, stored and transported under a competent HACCP and sanitary programme consistently implemented and in accordance with the requirements laid down in Codex Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (CAC/RCP 52-2003)</p>	<p>negotiations between the exporting and importing country. Having Codex language will simplify negotiations on attestation in certificates and promote a system approach and not a lot by lot testing.</p>
17. Certifying officer	Heading not identified	Not included in Fish Certificate
Name	Name and official position	<p>Similar concepts in both certificates.</p> <p>Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model</p>
Date	Date	<p>Information on both certificates.</p> <p>No changes required.</p>
Official Stamp	Seal	<p>Similar concepts in both certificates.</p> <p>Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model.</p>
Official position	Name and official position	<p>Similar concepts in both certificates.</p> <p>Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model</p>
Signature	Signature of certifying officer	<p>Similar concepts in both certificates.</p> <p>Minor editing to Model Fish Certificate to accept the wording proposed in the Generic Model</p>