

CITES 09.103/1

**REMINDER**

4 February 2004

Seafood Traders

### **LISTING OF SHARKS IN CITES**

Singapore is a party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). The 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, November 2002 (Chile), decided to include certain shark species in CITES Appendix II<sup>1</sup>.

2 We wish to remind you that the following species are listed in CITES Appendix II:

- a) Whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*)**
- b) Basking shark (*Cetorhinus maximus*)**

The listing of these 2 shark species has entered into effect on **13 February 2003**.

3 As a result of the listing in CITES, the import and export of whole, parts (eg. shark's fins) and derivatives of the above-mentioned sharks would require valid CITES permits from the importing and exporting parties. The CITES permits must be obtained before submission of TradeNet declarations to AVA. Please use the list of product codes in **Annex A** for declaring import/export of whale sharks and basking sharks.

4 CITES permits would also be required for re-export of stocks imported or acquired before 13 February 2003 (ie. pre-Convention stock). As such, if you have not submitted any declaration of the pre-existing stock in your possession, please complete the attached Declaration Form (**Annex B**) for any above-mentioned sharks or their parts and derivatives. The completed forms must be submitted to Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority, 5 Maxwell Road, MND Complex, #02-03, Singapore 069110, by **1 March 2004**.

A "Nil" return is necessary if your company does not possess any of the specimens.

5 If you need any clarification, please feel free to contact AVA at tel: 62270670. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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<sup>1</sup> CITES Appendix II – This lists species which are threatened if trade is not regulated. Species in Appendix II can be traded commercially but require CITES permits from the importing and exporting countries.

**Annex A**

<b>HS CODE</b>	<b>PRODUCT CODE</b>	<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>
03042000	FFP2XFFSKW	Shark Whale Fillet/Cut, Frozen
03042000	FFP2XFFSKB	Shark Basking Fillet/Cut, Frozen
03055910	FFP2SKFDUW	Shark Whale's Fin, Dried( with skin ) , Unprocessed
03055910	FFP2SKFDUB	Shark Basking's Fin, Dried( with skin ) , Unprocessed
16042010	FFN2SKFW	Shark Whale's Fin Soup, Canned
16042010	FFN2SKFB	Shark Basking's Fin Soup, Canned
16042010	FFP2SKFDPW	Shark Whale's Fin, Dried, Ready for Use
16042010	FFP2SKFDPB	Shark Basking's Fin, Dried, Ready for Use
16042010	FFP2SKFFW	Shark Whale's Fin, Frozen, Ready for Use
16042010	FFP2SKFFB	Shark Basking's Fin, Frozen, Ready for Use
16042010	FFP2SKFFUW	Shark Whale's Fin, Frozen, Unprocessed
16042010	FFP2SKFFUB	Shark Basking's Fin, Frozen, Unprocessed

**Annex B**

To: Head, Wildlife Regulatory Branch  
Import and Export Division  
Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority  
5 Maxwell Road MND Complex #02-03  
Singapore 069110

**DECLARATION OF POSSESSION OF WHALE AND BASKING SHARK PARTS AND PRODUCTS**

We hereby declare that we have the following stocks, which were imported or acquired before **13 February 2003**. Details of our stocks are as follows:

<b>Stocks</b>	<b>Whale shark</b>	<b>Basking shark</b>
Whole fish (pcs/kg)		
Fins (pcs/kg) (a) Dried (b) Salted (c) Frozen		
Meat (kg)		
Others (please specify)		

- Please indicate quantity unit clearly.
- Please indicate "Nil" if you do possess the above items.

We hereby declare that the above information is true and correct.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel and Phone nos.: \_\_\_\_\_

Company stamp/seal: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_