Verification Sampling Protocol Decision Tree

Monthly Sampling

Pass
No Action

Problem ID

Fix
Problem

Re-Verify

Pass
No Action

1. Corrective Action on Product
2. Adjust Process / Investigate

Fail
Corrective Action Taken on the Product

No Problem ID

Process Adjustment

Validate
(No Labeling Claims in the Interim)
National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish: 2013 Revision

Section IV Guidance Documents - Chapter IV Naturally Occurring Pathogens

Reference for Vibrio parahaemolyticus Methods


References


Description: Flow chart showing the post harvest processing verification sampling protocol and decision making process.

Collect monthly shellfish meat samples for process verification.

If the monthly samples pass, no action is required.

If the monthly samples fail, take the following measures; (1) Identify the problem, (2) Fix the problem, (3) re-verify the process by sampling. If the re-verification samples pass, no further action is required. If the re-verification samples fail, then; (1) Corrective action must be taken on the product, (2) The process must be investigated, (3) Any problems identified must be adjusted, and (4) The process shall be revalidated. No labeling claims can be made during the interim revalidation process.

If the monthly samples fail and no problem can be identified then; (1) Adjustments shall be made to the process, and (2) The process shall be revalidated. No labeling claims can be made during the interim revalidation process.