

**ISSC 2013 Biennial Meeting  
January 25 – January 31, 2014 – San Antonio, Texas  
Committee Report**

**Committee Name :** Import Assessment  
**Chairperson:** Sandy Shepherd  
**Date of Meeting:** 1/27/2014  
**Recorder:** Cali Alexander                      **Approved By:** Sandy Shepherd

**Committee Members Present:**

Sandy Shepherd	Cali Alexander	Jerrod Davis
Julie Henderson	Steve Murphey	Robin Henderson
Dave Wiggins	Gary Wolf	

**Committee Members Absent:**

Darcie Couture	Joseph Niece	Angela Ruple
Christopher Sherman	Melissa Abbott	Bill Kramer

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**Charges**

**Charge 1: Continue to identify effective steps for addressing concerns associated with shellfish imported from non-MOU countries**

**Findings:**

States are still reporting incidences of Non-MOU product being imported during their own field inspections or through FDA Alerts with mixed enforcement actions. Instances include Non-MOU product as well as product labeled as "cooked" are still entering without any enforcement action. There has been a noticeable increase in product labeled as "cooked" from Non-MOU countries. It is likely that much of this product is mislabeled.

**Conclusions:**

State shellfish authorities have no conclusive tools to properly assess the safety and disposition of mislabeled or questionable raw imported product. Without any conclusive validated testing method State shellfish Authorities are unable to assure consumers that imported Non-MOU product which may be intentionally labeled as "cooked" are safe.

**Recommendations:**

The committee requests the ISSC Executive Board to revive efforts and research needs to complete any validation methods for the Thermazyme ACP Test by seeking funding sources in support of Proposal 05-115. (Under Task Force I) This test will allow enforcement decisions to be based on rapid, quantitative methods rather than sensory related methods.