# Dealer\_Education\_ISSC\_8-7-14

# 1. 1 - Intro

# 1.1 SHELLFISH DEALERS Training Program



# 1.2 SHELLFISH DEALERS Training Program



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

This is a training program for processing and handling of molluscan shellfish products including oysters, clams and mussels. The goal of this education program is to improve the safety of shellfish products to reduce the risk of illness for shellfish consumers. These illnesses can be caused by naturally occurring vibrios and pathogens associated with human waste such as norovirus. The approach is intended to provide a better understanding of the current regulatory requirements specified in the Model Ordinance of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP).

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# 1.3 Dealer Certification for Processing



#### Notes:

Narrative:

The Model Ordinance defines processing as any activity associated with the handling, shucking, freezing, packing, labeling or storing of shellfish in preparation for distribution. This would include the activities of shucker packers, repackers, shellstock shippers, and reshippers.

All dealers requesting the required certifications for processing are subject to a comprehensive, onsite inspection to assure their operations meet the most current regulations specified in the most current version of the NSSP Model Ordinance.

# 1.4 Dealer Certification and Inspection



## **Notes:**

Narrative

The required inspections are conducted by State Shellfish Control Authorities using appropriate, standardized inspection forms. The inspections are scheduled within 120-days immediately prior to issuing or renewing certifications.

The state authorities will only issue one certification number for one dealer at one location and all dealer certifications will expire annually or after 12 months from date of issuance.

# 1.5 Dealer Certification Records



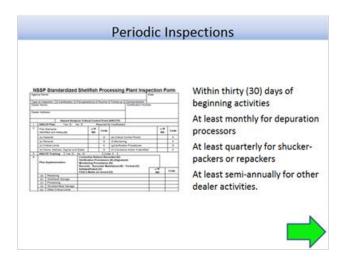
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#### Narrative:

However, it must be noted that the authority compliance records for each dealer's certification can be maintained for at least three years. These records include:

- Inspection reports of dealers;
- Notification letters and enforcement actions;
- Shellfish sample results and follow-up actions taken;
- Records of complaints or inquiries, and follow-up actions taken; and
- Administrative hearing transcripts and records.

# 1.6 Periodic Inspections



## **Notes:**

#### Narrative:

After a dealer operation is certified, the responsible State or Federal authorities will make unannounced inspections of the processing facilities during periods of activity. The inspections occur at the following minimum frequencies:

- Within thirty (30) days of beginning activities if the dealer was certified on the basis of a pre-operational inspection;
- At least monthly for dealer facilities certified as depuration processors;

- At least quarterly for dealer's activities certified as shucker-packer or repacker; and
- At least semiannually for other dealer activities.

The Authority will provide copies of the completed inspection form to the responsible party at the time of inspection. The inspection forms will contain a list of deficiencies by area and items inspected with citations corresponding to the requirements in the NSSP Model Ordinance.

# 1.7 Common Points of Concern



# **Notes:**

Narrative:

Based on experience, some common points of concern during inspections have included:

- 1. Time and temperature controls at harvest
- 2. Temperature controls during storage
- 3. Temperature controls during transportation
- 4. Proper identification of shellstock to facilitate illness trace backs

This common points are featured through the entire Dealer Education Program

# 1.8 Enforcement Actions

# Enforcement Actions Administrative hearings Fines Withdrawal of certification Temporary suspension of operating licenses Embargoes Product condemnations Product seizures Stop Sales

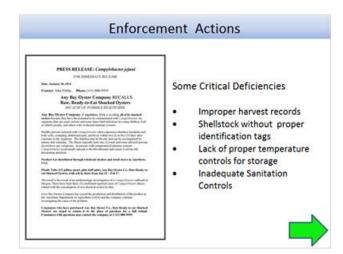
#### Notes:

Narrative:

Although most dealers strive for the best operations with full compliance, there can be unintentional problems or actual oversights, which can lead to enforcement actions. The authority can use any combination of administrative hearings, fines, withdrawal of certification, temporary suspension of operating licenses, embargoes, product condemnations or product seizures and stop sales.

When a dealer has failed to satisfy compliance, the Authority shall: Consider whether it is appropriate to revise the compliance schedule, suspend or revoke the dealer's certification, or seek other administrative remedies including stop sales. These actions are accomplished with documentation for 'why' an enforcement option was selected.

# 1.9 Enforcement Actions



## Notes:

Narrative:

If a critical deficiency is found during an inspection, then the described deficiency shall be corrected during that inspection; or the dealer must cease production

affected by the deficiency. Should the dealer fail to comply with this action, the State Shellfish Control Authorities can immediately begin actions to suspend or revoke the dealer's certification. Product affected by any critical deficiency shall be controlled, through stopping sales, seizures, and recalls, to prevent contaminated or adulterated product from reaching consumers.

Some common critical deficiencies include improper harvest records, shellstock without proper identification tags, lack of proper temperature controls for storage, and inadequate sanitation controls.

# 1.10 Type of Dealers



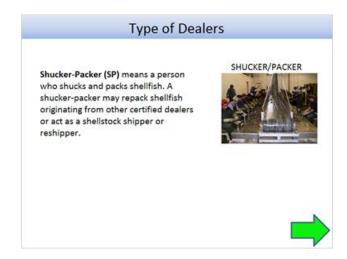
#### Notes:

Narrative:

Now that we covered the basics of dealer certification and inspections, its time to take a look into the specific requirements for compliance.

This training program is designed to address each of four type of processing operations or dealer categories as defined in the Model Ordinance.

# 1.11 Type of Dealers



#### Notes:

Narrative:

Shucker-Packer (SP) means a dealer who shucks and packs shellfish. A shucker-packer may repack shellfish originating from other certified dealers or act as a shellstock shipper or reshipper

# 1.12 Type of Dealers

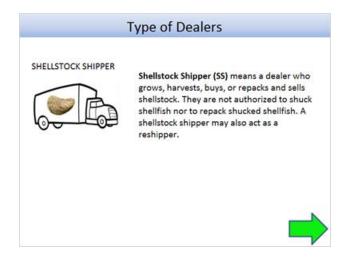


#### Notes:

Narrative:

Repacker (RP) means any person, other than the original certified shucker-packer, who repackages shucked shellfish into other containers. A repacker may act as a shellstock shipper or a reshipper.

# 1.13 Type of Dealers

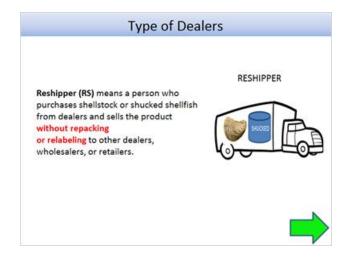


## **Notes:**

Narrative:

Shellstock Shipper (SS) means a dealer who grows, harvests, buys, or repacks and sells shellstock (whole oysters, clams or mussels). They are 'not' authorized to shuck shellfish 'nor' to repack shucked shellstock shipper may also act as a reshipper.

# 1.14 Type of Dealers



#### Notes:

Narrative:

Reshipper (RS) means a dealer who purchases shellfish from other dealers and sells the product without repacking or relabeling to other certified dealers, wholesalers, or retailers.

# 1.15 Type of Dealers



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

To continue simply select the dealer category that applies to your operations.

# 2. 2 - Shucker Packer Branch

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## **Notes:**

Narrative:

As a Shucker-Packer, dealers are certified to work with a large variety of processing activities that require multiple controls. The processing activities include:

- Receiving from harvesters
- Receiving from other dealers
- Shucking and packing
- Repacking of shucked shellfish
- Shellstock shipping
- Reshipping

# 2.2 Receiving from Harvesters



#### Notes:

#### Narrative:

When receiving product, there are many things you need to be aware of to ensure the shellfish are harvested from 'approved sources' and they are 'properly handled' before accepting for processing.

The dealer must ensure that the 'live shellstock' is only obtained from a 'licensed harvester' who has:

- Harvested the shellstock from an Approved or Conditionally Approved area during open status as indicated by the 'required' tags,
- Identified the shellstock with a tag on each container or transaction record on each bulk shipment,
- $\bullet \quad \text{ and delivered the daily harvest within the time/temperature requirements of the current state harvest control plan.}\\$
- Each State is required to implement Harvest Control Plans to address risk associated with water and air temperatures.

# 2.3 Harvest Control Plans



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

State Harvest Control Plans may differ by location. The time/temperature requirements will differ in various harvest locations based on the plans required per state.

Harvest Control Plans based on:

- · Water temperatures in the harvest area,
- · Air temperatures in the harvest area,
- Salinity in the harvest area,
- Harvesting techniques, and
- Other factors which can be used to reduce potential risks due to certain bacteria

There are 3 general plans depending on the product and processing location.

- The State Vibrio vulnificus Control Plan
- The State Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plan
- And a general State Harvest Control Plan for all other shellstock

These plans are necessary to reduce potential health risks associated with consumption of raw shellfish.

# 2.4 State Harvest Control Plans

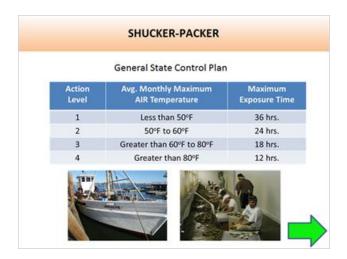


## **Notes:**

Narrative:

Dealers that receive shellstock from a harvester that does not bear a restricted use tag must document that the shellstock were harvested and delivered within the time periods outlined in the state harvest control plan. Many states have Vibrio control plans that require short time intervals between harvest and refrigeration. Most shellstock for shucking is not required to be harvested under a Vibrio control plan. Dealers must consult with State Shellfish Control Authorities regarding the harvest control plan that is in effect.

# 2.5 General State Control Plan

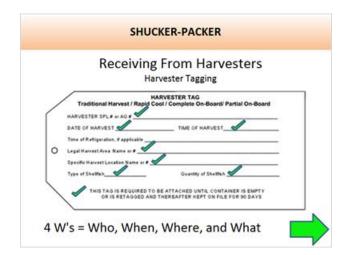


#### Notes:

Narrative:

If there is 'no' specific Vibrio control plan, then a general State control plan will apply. This plan is based on the average monthly maximum "air" temperature and limits the hours of exposure as the temperature rises. Exposure is the length of time that the shellfish product are exposed to the warm air. Harvesters that harvest shellstock for restricted use are required to meet the general state control plan.

# 2.6 Receiving from Harvesters



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

Regardless of the harvest plan, all harvested shellstock require proper tagging.

Dealers can only accept product which was obtained and transported from a harvester that has identified the shellstock with a tag on each container as outlined in the model ordinance. Harvesters are taught to include the 4 Ws of each tag....... The 'who, when, where, and what'. The dealer should know this information, and must keep the harvester tags on each container of shellstock until the container is either shipped or emptied during processing. The harvester tags must include:

- the certification number assigned by the authority,
- the harvest date and time,
- the harvest location,
- type and quantity of shellstock, and
- a statement requiring the tag to be attached until the container is emptied and for the tag to be on record for 90 days.

# 2.7 Receiving from Harvesters



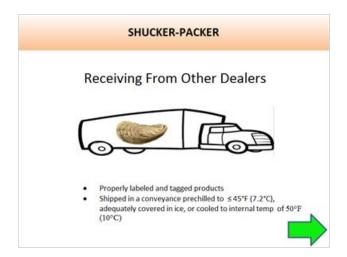
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Narrative:

For example, here are several filled out harvester tags. Notice how they convey all the important information that is vital to traceability and seafood safety.

Look for the 4 W's!

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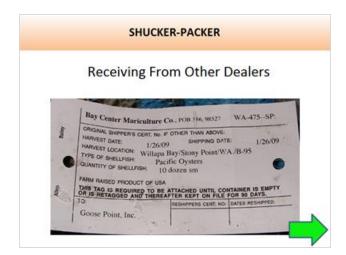
Narrative:

A Shucker Packer can also process and repack shellstock received from other dealers.

All Shellstock received from another dealer must be:

- 1.Identified with a tag on each container
- 2. Adequately iced or Shipped in a conveyance prechilled at or below 45°F(7.2°C) ambient air temperature or cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) or less
- 3. Accompanied by documentation indicating the time of shipment, that the conveyance was prechilled, notice of any shellstock that was shipped prior to meeting required internal temperature, and notice of a time/temperature device indicating that continuous cooling has occurred since time of shipment.

# 2.9 Receiving from Other Dealers



# Notes:

#### Narrative:

When a Shucker Packer receives shellstock from another certified dealer, they can only accept it if provided a complete dealer tag.

The dealer tag must include:

- · the dealers name and address,
- · the certification number assigned by the authority,
- the original shellstock shippers certification number,
- the harvest date
- · the harvest location,
- · type and quantity of shellstock,
- a statement requiring the tag to be attached until the container is emptied and for the tag to be on record for 90 days,
- · a consumer advisory for shellstock intended for raw consumption,
- and a keep refrigerated statement.

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## Notes:

Narrative:

In some situations harvesters are allowed to harvest shellfish for 'restricted uses'. The options allow long time periods between harvest and refrigeration. In addition to the required temperature controls, this product must include a special, restricted use tag. This special tag must include specific information detailing the intended use of the shellstock and the transaction records must indicate the quantity of restricted use shellstock received and shucked.

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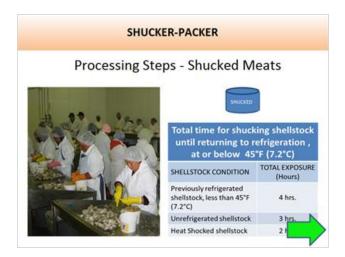
#### Notes:

## Narrative:

Immediate temperature control is necessary when receiving shellstock from directly from harvesters or from another dealer. The dealer must ensure that the shellstock is;

- Adequately iced; or
- Placed in a storage area or conveyance maintained at or below 45° F (7.2° C);
   and
- Processed within two (2) hours of receipt: and
- Not be permitted to remain without ice, mechanical refrigeration or other approved methods of storage, for more than two (2) hours at points of processing or transfers such as loading docks.

# 2.12 Processing Steps – Shucked Meats



#### Notes:

Narrative:

After receiving the shellstock, dealers must to ensure that the product is properly cooled:

- For shellstock refrigerated prior to shucking, the shucked meats must be chilled to an internal temperature at or below 45°F (7.2°C) within four (4) hours of removal from refrigeration.
- For shellstock which has not been refrigerated prior to shucking, the shucked meats are chilled to an internal temperature at or below 45°F (7.2°C) within three (3) hours of shucking.
- If heat shocking is used, the shucked shellfish meats must be cooled at or below 45°F (7.2°C) within two (2) hours after the heat shock process.

# 2.13 Labeling



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

At a minimum the dealer shall label each individual package containing fresh or frozen shucked shellfish meat in a legible and indelible form in accordance with CFR 21, Part 101; Part 161, Subpart B (161.30, and 161.136) and the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act.

The dealer shall assure that the shucker-packer's or repacker's certification number is on the label of each package of fresh or frozen shellfish.

The dealer shall label each individual package containing less than 64 fluid ounces of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "SELL BY" or "BEST IF USED BY" followed by a reasonable date when the product would be expected to reach the end of its shelf life;
- The date shall consist of the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date.

# 2.14 Labeling



## Notes:

Narrative:

The dealer shall label each individual package containing 64 fluid ounces or more of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "DATE SHUCKED" followed by the date shucked located on both the lid and sidewall or bottom of the container;
- The date shall consist of either the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month or in Julian format (YDDD), the last digit of the four digit year and the three digit number corresponding the day of the year; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

# 2.15 Receiving from Other Dealers



#### Notes:

#### Narrative:

If the dealer thaws and repacks frozen shellfish, the dealer shall label the shellfish container as previously frozen.

If the dealer freezes fresh shucked shellfish, the dealer shall label all frozen shellfish as frozen in type of equal prominence immediately adjacent to the type of the shellfish and the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

If the dealer uses lot codes to track shellfish containers, the lot codes shall be distinct and set apart from any date listed on the container.

The dealer shall assure that each package of fresh or frozen shucked shellfish shall include a consumer advisory. The following statement, from Section 3-603.11 of the Current Food Code, or an equivalent statement, shall be included on all packages: "Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

# 2.16 Storage - Shucked Meats



## **Notes:**

#### Narrative:

After shucking, the dealer must store shucked and packed shellfish in covered containers at an ambient temperature of 45°F (7.2°C) or less or covered with an appropriate amount of ice.

# 2.17 Shipping - Shucked Meat

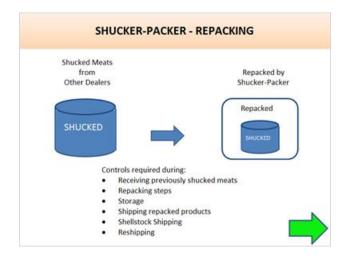


#### Notes:

Narrative

The same temperature controls are necessary when shipping the shucked meats. Dealers must ship product adequately iced; or in a conveyance prechilled and maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature.

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## Notes:

Narrative:

A shucker-packer may also engage in repacking shellfish.

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#### Notes:

#### Narrative:

Shucker packers engaged in repacking process shucked meats previously processed by other certified dealers. They are responsible for ensuring the products meet temperature requirements at receipt, and can only repack previously shucked meats which originated from a dealer who has:

• Shipped the shucked meats iced, or in a conveyance at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature or cooled to on internal temperature of 50°F (10°C).

 $The \ dealer\ receiving\ the\ products\ is\ responsible\ for\ all\ information\ regarding\ original\ product\ identification.$ 

# 2.20 Receiving from Other Dealers

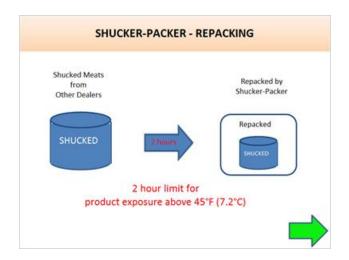


## **Notes:**

#### Narrative:

A Shucker-Packer engaged in repacking is required to ensure all product received from a shucker packer meets all shucker packer labeling requirements previously discussed in the program.

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#### Notes:

Narrative:

When handling the previously shucked meats for repacking, the shucker packer engaged in repacking must ensure that shucked meats do not exceed an internal temperature of 45°F (7.2°C) for more than two (2) hours cumulative exposure time during handling until returned to refrigeration or icing.

# 2.22 Labeling Repacked Meats



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

A shucker packer engaged in repacking must meet all the labeling requirements of a shucker packer as previously discussed int he program. Additionally the repacked product label must include the original date of shucking or the original date of shucking must be used to establish the sell by date.

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#### Notes:

Narrative:

The dealer must store repacked meats in covered containers at an ambient temperature of 45°F (7.2°C) or less or covered in ice.

# 2.24 Shipping repacked Shellfish



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

The same temperature controls are necessary when shipping the shucked meats. Dealers must ship product adequately iced; or in a conveyance prechilled and maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature.

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## **Notes:**

Narrative:

A Shucker-Packer may also engage in shellstock shipping. Shellstock Shipping typically includes the handling of oysters, clam or mussels in the shell received from direct harvest or other dealers.

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## **Notes:**

Narrative:

The controls for Shellstock Shipping will be first discussed for products received 'directly from harvests'. The products received from other dealers will be discussed later.

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## **Notes:**

#### Narrative:

When receiving product, there are many things you need to be aware of to ensure the shellfish are harvested from 'approved sources' and they are 'properly handled' before accepting for processing.

The dealer must ensure that the 'live shellstock' is only obtained from a 'licensed harvester' who has:

- Harvested the shellstock from an Approved or Conditionally Approved area as indicated by the 'required' tags,
- Identified the shellstock with a tag on each container or transaction record on each bulk shipment,
- and delivered the daily harvest within the time/temperature requirements of the current state harvest control plans

 $\label{thm:control} \textbf{Each state is required to implement Harvest Control Plans to address risk associated with water and air temperatures.}$ 

# 2.28 Harvest Control Plans



#### Notes:

Narrative:

State Harvest Control Plans may differ by location. The time/temperature requirements will differ in various harvest locations based on the plans required per state.

Harvest Control Plans may be based on:

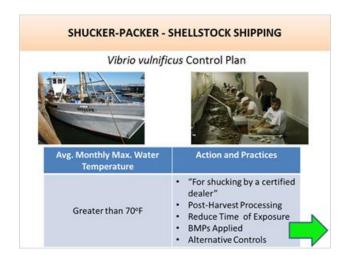
- Water temperatures in the harvest area,
- · Air temperatures in the harvest area,
- · Salinity in the harvest area,
- · Harvesting techniques, and
- Other factors which can be used to reduce potential risk due to certain bacteria

There are 3 general plans depending on the product and processing location.

- The State Vibrio vulnificus Control Plan
- The State Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plan
- And a general State Harvest Control Plan for all other shellstock

These plans are necessary to reduce potential health risk associated with consumption of raw shellfish.

# 2.29 Vibrio vulnificus Control Plan



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

States are required to use controls that achieve established risk per serving levels.

The specified controls may include:

- If the Average Monthly Maximum Water Temperature exceeds 70°F:
  - oysters are labeled with the phrase "For shucking by a certified dealer", or
  - Subjecting all oysters intended for the raw, half-shell market to Authority approved post harvest processing
  - Reducing time of exposure to ambient air temperature prior to delivery to the initial certified dealer based on modeling or sampling, as determined by the Authority in consultation with FDA.
- If the Average Monthly Maximum Water temperature is between 70°F and 80 °F.

- Authority approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize V.v. growth to the extent possible.
- Alternative controls that will reduce the risk when water temperatures exceed 70°F.

# 2.30 Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plan



## **Notes:**

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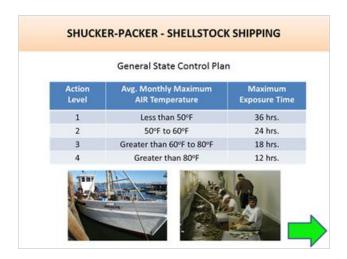
As for the potential risk associated with the natural occurrence of Vibrio vulnificus, some states may also include controls plans for potential Vibrio parahaemolyticus. These plans may vary by regions but are all based on average monthly maximum harvest water or air temperatures.

If a State has a harvest area that was linked to an outbreak of Vibrio parahaemolyticus within the prior five years, that State must develop and implement a Control Plan for the harvesting area.

For States required to implement Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plans, the plan must:

- Establish temperature triggers for when control measures are needed.
- $\bullet \qquad \text{Implement control measures to reduce the risk of Vibrio parahaemolyticus illness at times when it is reasonably likely to occur.}$
- Require the original dealer to cool oysters to an internal temperature of ≤50°F (10°C) within ten (10) hours during periods when risk
  of Vibrio is present Without compliance with this cooling requirement, oysters must be diverted to PHP or shucking.

# 2.31 General State Control Plan



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

If there is 'no' specific Vibrio vulnificus or Vibrio parahaemolyticus plan, then a general State control plan may apply. This plan is based on the average monthly maximum "air" temperature and limits the hours of exposure as the temperature rises. Exposure is the length of time that the shellstock are exposed the warm air. Harvesters that harvest shellstock for restricted use are required to meet the general state control plan.

# 2.32 Receiving from Harvester



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

Regardless of the harvest plan, all harvested shellstock must be properly tagged.

These tag requirements were discussed earlier in the shucker-packer portion section of this program.

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#### Notes:

#### Narrative:

A Shellstock Shipper can also process and repack shellstock received from other dealers.

The requirements for receiving shellstock from another dealer are the same as receiving shellstock from another dealer for the purposes of shucking. These requirements were discussed in the shucker-packer portion of this program.

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#### Notes:

#### Narrative:

Immediate temperature control is necessary when receiving shellstock from directly from harvesters or from another dealer. The dealer must ensure that the shellstock is;

- Adequately iced; or
- Placed in a storage area or conveyance maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C); and
- Processed within two hours of receipt; and
- Not be permitted to remain without ice, mechanical refrigeration or other approved methods of storage, for more than two (2) hours at points of processing or transfers such as loading docks.

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#### Notes:

Narrative:

All oysters harvested under Vibrio Control Plans must be cooled to an internal temperature of 55°F or 50°F within \_required time\_ depending on which state harvest control plan is in effect.

# 2.36 Shipping Shellstock



## Notes:

Narrative:

Dealers must only ship shellstock adequately iced or in a prechilled conveyance or truck. The shellstock must be cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) prior to shipment.

Dealers that decide to ship shellstock that has not been cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C), must provide documentation to the receiving dealer internal temperature of 50°F (10°C), that the shellstock were adequately iced or a conveyance pre-childed at or below 45°F (7.2°C), the product was not cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) and indicate the presence of a time/temperature recording device unless the time of shipment is less than 4 hours.

# 2.37 Shipping Shellstock



#### Notes:

Narrative:

In addition to temperature controls, certain special products will require special labeling information.

Shellstock that is received bearing a 'restricted use tag' must only be shipped to a certified dealer and must include specific language detailing the
intended use of the shellstock. The transaction record must indicate the quantity of restricted use shellstock containers.

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## Notes:

Narrative:

A Shucker-Packer may engage in the activity of reshipping.

If reshipping, the dealer may handle both shellstock and previous shucked products from another dealer that provides a complete dealer tag for shellstock and is properly labeled if shucked products.

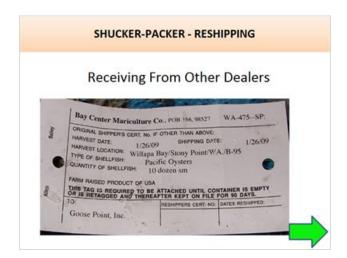
All Shellstock received from another dealer must be:

- 1) Identified with a tag on each container
- 2) Accompanied by documentation indicating the time of shipment, that all shellstock was adequately iced or the conveyance was prechilled to at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature and the presence of a time/temperature device for any shellstock harvested that has no been cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) prior to shipment

3)

- · Adequately iced or
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F(7.2°C) ambient air temperature or
- Cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) or less

# 2.39 Receiving from other Dealers



## Notes:

Narrative:

If receiving product from other dealers, the product shall meet the labeling requirements of the shucker packer or the repacking requirements as discussed earlier in the program.

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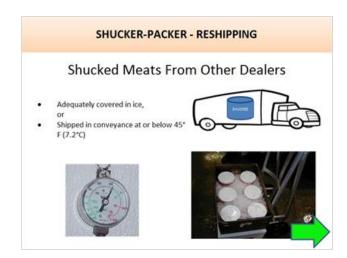
#### Narrative:

In addition to product information regarding source, the dealer can only receive shellstock that is:

- Adequately iced; or
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F ambient air temperature; or
- Cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F or less.

If the dealer receives shellstock from another dealer who has elected to ship shellstock without the being cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F, the documentation must indicate the product was not cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F and indicate the presence of a time/temperature recording device unless the time of shipment is less than 4 hours.

# 2.41 Shucked Meats from other Dealers



## Notes:

Narrative:

When receiving shucked shellfish, the dealer can only receive shucked meats that are:

- Adequately iced; or
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature

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#### Notes:

#### Narrative:

Immediate temperature control is necessary when receiving shellstock or shucked shellfish. The shucker packer engaged in reshipping must ensure that the shellstock or shucked shellfish are:

- Adequately iced;
- Placed in a storage area or conveyance maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C); and
- Not be permitted to remain without ice, mechanical refrigeration or other approved methods of storage, for more than two (2) hours at points of processing or transfers such as loading docks.

# 2.43 Shipping Shellstock



## **Notes:**

Narrative:

Dealers must only ship shellstock adequately iced or in a prechilled conveyance or truck. The shellstock must be cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) prior to shipment

Dealers that decide to ship shellstock that has not been cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C), must provide documentation to the receiving dealer indicating time of shipment, that the shellstock were adequately iced or a conveyance prechiled at or below 45°F (7.2°C), the product was not cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) and indicate the presence of a time/temperature recording device unless the time of shipment is less than 4 hours.

# 2.44 Shipping Shellstock



#### Notes:

Narrative:

In addition to temperature controls, certain special products will require special labeling information.

Shellstock that is received bearing a 'restricted use tag' must only be shipped to a certified dealer and must include specific language detailing the
intended use of the shellstock. The transaction record must indicate the quantity of restricted use shellstock containers.

# 2.45 Shipping – Shucked Meat

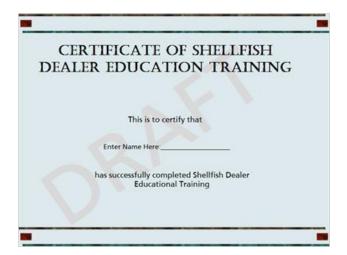


# Notes:

Narrative

The same temperature controls are necessary when shipping the shucked meats. Dealers must ship product adequately iced; or in a conveyance prechilled and maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature.

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## **Notes:**

Narrative:

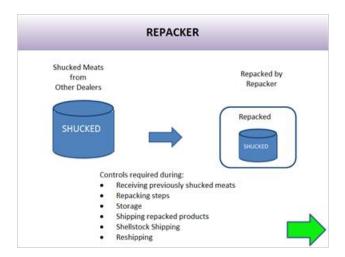
This concludes the Training program for shucker packers. Should you have additional questions, please contact "your state's authority information".

# 2.47 Thanks and Considerations



# 3.3 - Repacker

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### Notes:

#### Narrative:

A dealer certified as a Repacker are allowed to conduct the following activities:

- Repacking of shucked shellfish
- Shellstock Shipping
- Reshipping shellstock and shucked shellfish

This training for repacking will focus on these activities.

### 3.2 Untitled Slide



### Notes:

Narrative:

Repackers process shucked meats previously processed by other certified dealers. The Repacker is responsible for ensuring the products meet temperature

requirements at receipt. Repackers can only repack previously shucked meats which originated from a dealer who has:

• Shipped the shucked meats iced, or in a conveyance at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature or cooled to on internal temperature of 50°F (10°C).

The Repacker receiving the products is responsible for all information regarding original product identification.

## 3.3 Labeling



### Notes:

Narrative:

A Repacker can only accept product from another dealer that provides the following labeling information:

At a minimum the dealer shall label each individual package containing fresh or frozen shucked shellfish meat in a legible and indelible form in accordance with CFR 21, Part 101; Part 161, Subpart B (161.30, and 161.136) and the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act.

The dealer shall assure that the shucker-packer's or repacker's certification number is on the label of each package of fresh or frozen shellfish.

The dealer shall label each individual package containing less than 64 fluid ounces of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "SELL BY" or "BEST IF USED BY" followed by a reasonable date when the product would be expected to reach the end of its shelf life;
- The date shall consist of the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date.

# 3.4 Labeling



#### Notes:

#### Narrative:

The dealer shall label each individual package containing 64 fluid ounces or more of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "DATE SHUCKED" followed by the date shucked located on both the lid and sidewall or bottom of the container;
- The date shall consist of either the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month or in Julian format (YDDD), the last digit of the four digit year and the three digit number corresponding the day of the year; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

## 3.5 Receiving from Other Dealers



### **Notes:**

Narrative

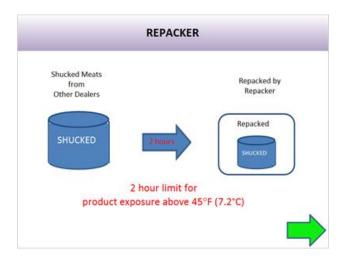
If the dealer thaws and repacks frozen shellfish, the dealer shall label the shellfish container as previously frozen.

If the dealer freezes fresh shucked shellfish, the dealer shall label all frozen shellfish as frozen in type of equal prominence immediately adjacent to the type of the shellfish and the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

If the dealer uses lot codes to track shellfish containers, the lot codes shall be distinct and set apart from any date listed on the container.

The dealer shall assure that each package of fresh or frozen shucked shellfish shall include a consumer advisory. The following statement, from Section 3-603.11 of the Current Food Code, or an equivalent statement, shall be included on all packages: "Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

### 3.6 Untitled Slide



### Notes:

Narrative:

When handling the previously shucked meats for repacking, the Repacker must ensure that shucked meats do not exceed an internal temperature of 45°F (7.2°C) for more than two (2) hours cumulative exposure time during handling until returned to refrigeration or icing.

### 3.7 Untitled Slide



### Notes:

Narrative:

The dealer must store repacked meats in covered containers at an ambient temperature of 45°F (7.2°C) or less or covered in ice.

# 3.8 Labeling Repacked Meats



### Notes:

Narrative:

A repacker must meet all the labeling requirements as previously discussed in the receiving from another dealer section. Additionally the repacked product label must include the original date of shucking or the original date of shucking must be used to establish the sell by date.

# 3.9 Shipping Repacked Meats



### **Notes:**

Narrative:

Repackers must ship product adequately iced; or in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature and provide documentation that the truck was pre-chilled to 45°F.

### 3.10 Untitled Slide



### **Notes:**

Narrative:

A Repacker may also engage in shellstock shipping. Shellstock Shipping typically includes the handling of whole oysters, clam or mussels.

## 3.11 Untitled Slide



### Notes:

Narrative:

The controls for Shellstock Shipping will be first discussed for products received 'directly from harvests'. The products received from other dealers will be discussed later.

### 3.12 Untitled Slide



### Notes:

Narrative:

When receiving product, there are many things you need to be aware of to ensure the shellfish are harvested from 'approved sources' and they are 'properly handled' before accepting for processing.

The dealer must ensure that the 'live shellstock' is only obtained from a 'licensed harvester' who has:

- Harvested the shellstock from an Approved or Conditionally Approved area during open status as indicated by the 'required' tags,
- Identified the shellstock with a tag on each container or transaction record on each bulk shipment,
- and delivered the daily harvest within the time/temperature requirements of the current state harvest control plans

### 3.13 Harvest Control Plans



### Notes:

Narrative:

State Harvest Control Plans may differ by location. The time/temperature requirements will differ in various harvest locations based on the plans

required per state.

Harvest Control Plans may be based on:

- · Water temperatures in the harvest area,
- Air temperatures in the harvest area,
- Salinity in the harvest area,
- · Harvesting techniques, and
- Other factors which can be used to reduce potential risk due to the natural presence of certain naturally occurring Vibrio bacteria

There are 3 general plans depending on the product and processing location.

- The State Vibrio vulnificus Control Plan
- The State Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plan
- And a general State Control Plan for all other shellstock

These plans are necessary to reduce potential health risk associated with raw consumption of shellfish.

## 3.14 Vibrio vulnificus Control Plan



### **Notes:**

Narrative:

States are required to use controls that achieve established risk per serving levels.

The specified controls may include:

- If the Average Monthly Maximum Water Temperature exceeds 70°F:
  - oysters are labeled with the phrase "For shucking by a certified dealer", or
  - Subjecting all oysters intended for the raw, half-shell market to Authority approved post harvest processing
  - Reducing time of exposure to ambient air temperature prior to delivery to the initial certified dealer based on modeling or sampling, as determined by the Authority in consultation with FDA.
- If the Average Monthly Maximum Water temperature is between 70°F and 80°F.
  - Authority approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize V.v. growth to the extent possible.
- Alternative controls that will reduce the risk when water temperatures exceed 70°F.

# 3.15 Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plan



#### Notes:

Narrative:

As for the potential risk associated with the natural occurrence of Vibrio vulnificus, some states may also include a controls plans for potential Vibrio parahaemolyticus. These plans may vary by regions but are all based on average monthly maximum harvest water or air temperatures.

If a State has a harvest area that was linked to an outbreak of Vibrio parahaemolyticus within the prior five years, that State must develop and implement a Control Plan for the involved area.

For States required to implement Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plans, the plan must:

- Establish temperature triggers for when control measures are needed.
- Implement control measures to reduce the risk of Vibrio parahaemolyticus illness at times when it is reasonably likely to occur.
- Require the original dealer to cool oysters to an internal temperature of ≤50°F within ten (10) hours during periods when risk of Vibrio
  is present Without compliance with this cooling requirement, oysters must be diverted to PHP or shucking.

### 3.16 General State Control Plan



#### Notes:

If there is 'no' specific Vibrio vulnificus or Vibrio parahaemolyticus plan, then a general State control plan may apply. This plan is based on the average monthly maximum "air" temperature and limits the hours of exposure as the temperature rises. Exposure is the length of time that the shellstock are exposed the warm air. Harvesters that harvest shellstock for restricted use are required to meet the general state control plan.

## 3.17 Receiving from Harvester



### **Notes:**

Narrative: Regardless of the harvest plan, all harvested shellstock must be properly tagged.

Dealers can only accept product which was obtained and transported from a harvester that has identified the shellstock with a tag on each container as outlined in the NSSP model ordinance. Harvesters are taught to include the 4 Ws of each tag........ The 'who, when, where, and what'. The dealer should know this information, and must keep the harvester tags on each container of shellstock until the container is either shipped or emptied to process. The harvester tags must include:

- the certification number assigned by the authority,
- the harvest date and time,
- the harvest location.
- type and quantity of shellstock, and
- a statement requiring the tag to be attached until the container is emptied and for the tag to be on record for 90 days.

# 3.18 Receiving from Harvester



### Notes:

Narrative:

For example, here are several filled out harvester tags. Notice how they convey all the important information that is vital to traceability and seafood safety.

Look for the 4 W's!

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### Notes:

Narrative:

In some situations dealers may handle shellstock harvested for 'restricted use'. In addition to the required temperature controls, this product must include a special, restricted use tag. This special tag must include specific information detailing the intended use of the shellstock and the transaction records must indicate the quantity of restricted use shellstock containers.

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#### Notes:

Narrative:

 $A\ repacker\ engaged\ in\ shellstock\ shipping\ can\ also\ process\ and\ repack\ shellstock\ received\ from\ other\ dealers.$ 

All Shellstock received from another dealer must be:

- 1) Identified with a tag on each container
- 2) Accompanied by documentation indicating the time of shipment, that all shellstock was adequately iced or the conveyance was pre-chilled to at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature and the presence of a time/temperature device for any shellstock harvested that has no been cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) prior to shipment

3)

- Adequately iced or
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F(7.2°C) ambient air temperature or
- Cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) or less

# 3.21 Receiving from Other Dealers



#### Notes:

Narrative:

A repacker engaged in Shellstock Shipping can only accept shellstock from other certified dealers that provide a complete dealer tag.

The dealer tag must include the following:

- the dealers name and address,
- the certification number assigned by the authority,
- the original shellstock shippers certification number,
- · the harvest date,
- the harvest location,
- type and quantity of shellstock,
- a statement requiring the tag to be attached until the container is emptied and for the tag to be on record for 90 days,
- a consumer advisory for shellstock intended for raw consumption,
- and a keep refrigerated statement.

### 3.22 Untitled Slide



### **Notes:**

Narrative:

Immediate temperature control is necessary when receiving shellstock from direct harvest. The dealer must ensure that the shellstock is;

- Adequately iced; or
- Placed in a storage area or conveyance maintained at or below 45° F; and
- Not be permitted to remain without ice, mechanical refrigeration or other approved methods of cold storage, for more than two (2) hours during processing steps and transfers such as loading docks.

### 3.23 Untitled Slide



#### Notes:

Narrative:

All oysters harvested under *Vibrio*. Control Plans must be cooled to an internal temperature of 55®F or 50®F within \_required time\_ depending on which state harvest control plan is in effect.

## 3.24 Shipping Shellstock



### **Notes:**

Narrative:

Dealers must only ship shellstock adequately iced or in a pre-chilled conveyance or truck. The shellstock must be cooled to an internal temperature of 50° F prior to shipment.

Dealers that decide to ship shellstock that has not been cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F, must provide documentation to the receiving dealer indicating time of shipment, that the shellstock were adequately iced or a conveyance prechilled at or below 45°F, the product was not cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F and indicate the presence of a time/temperature recording device unless the time of shipment is less than 4 hours.

# 3.25 Shipping Shellstock



#### Notes:

Narrative:

In addition to temperature controls, certain special products will require special labeling information.

Shellstock that is received bearing a 'restricted use tag' must only be shipped to a certified dealer and must include specific language detailing the
intended use of the shellstock. The transaction record must indicate the quantity of restricted use shellstock containers.

### 3.26 Untitled Slide



### **Notes:**

Narrative:

A Repacker may engage in the activity of reshipping.

If reshipping, the dealer may handle both shellstock and previous shucked products from another dealer that provides a complete dealer tag for shellstock and is properly labeled if shucked products.

All Shellstock received from another dealer must be:

- 1) Identified with a tag on each container
- $2) \qquad \text{Accompanied by documentation indicating the time of shipment, that all shellstock was adequately iced or the} \\$

3)

- Adequately iced or
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F(7.2°C) ambient air temperature or
- Cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) or less

### 3.27 Receiving from other Dealers



### Notes:

Narrative:

The dealer tags must include:

- the dealers name and address,
- the certification number assigned by the authority,
- the original shellstock shippers certification number,
- the harvest date,
- the harvest location,
- type and quantity of shellstock,
- a statement requiring the tag to be attached until the container is emptied and for the tag to be on record for 90 days,
- a consumer advisory for shellstock intended for raw consumption,
- and a keep refrigerated statement.

For shucked shellfish, the container must bear the following information:

At a minimum the dealer shall label each individual package containing fresh or frozen shucked shellfish meat in a legible and indelible form in accordance with CFR 21, Part 101; Part 161, Subpart B (161.30, and 161.136) and the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act.

The dealer shall assure that the shucker-packer's or repacker's certification number is on the label of each package of fresh or frozen shellfish.

The dealer shall label each individual package containing less than 64 fluid ounces of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "SELL BY" or "BEST IF USED BY" followed by a reasonable date when the product would be expected to reach the end of its shelf life;
- The date shall consist of the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date.

The dealer shall label each individual package containing 64 fluid ounces or more of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

 The words "DATE SHUCKED" followed by the date shucked located on both the lid and sidewall or bottom of the container;

- The date shall consist of either the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month or in Julian format (YDDD), the last digit of the four digit year and the three digit number corresponding the day of the year; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

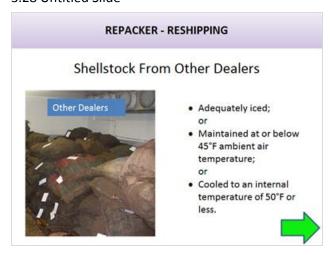
If the dealer thaws and repacks frozen shellfish, the dealer shall label the shellfish container as previously frozen.

If the dealer freezes fresh shucked shellfish, the dealer shall label all frozen shellfish as frozen in type of equal prominence immediately adjacent to the type of the shellfish and the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

If the dealer uses lot codes to track shellfish containers, the lot codes shall be distinct and set apart from any date listed on the container.

The dealer shall assure that each package of fresh or frozen shucked shellfish shall include a consumer advisory. The following statement, from Section 3-603.11 of the Current Food Code, or an equivalent statement, shall be included on all packages: "Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

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### **Notes:**

Narrative:

In addition to product information regarding source, the dealer can only receive shellstock that is:

- · Adequately iced; or
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F ambient air temperature; or
- Cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F or less.

If the dealer receives shellstock from another dealer who has elected to ship shellstock without the being cooled to an internal temperature of 50%F, the documentation must indicate the product was not cooled to an internal temperature of 50%F and indicate the presence of a time/temperature recording device unless the time of shipment is less than 4 hours.

# 3.29 Shucked Meats from other Dealers



### Notes:

Narrative:

When receiving shucked shellfish, the dealer can only receive shellstock that is:

- Adequately iced; or
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F ambient air temperature; or
- Cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F or less.

### 3.30 Untitled Slide



### Notes:

Narrative:

Immediate temperature control is necessary when receiving shellstock. The repacker engaged in Reshipping must ensure that the shellstock or shucked shellfish are:

- Adequately iced;
- Placed in a storage area or conveyance maintained at or below 45° F;
- Not be permitted to remain without ice, mechanical refrigeration or other approved methods of cold storage, for more than two (2) hours during the 'cumulative' time for all processing steps and fransfers such as loading docks.

# 3.31 Storage - Shucked Meats



### Notes:

Narrative:

The dealer must store shucked shellfish at an ambient temperature of 45°F (7.2°C) or less.

# 3.32 Shipping Shellstock



### Notes:

Narrative:

Dealers must only ship shellstock adequately iced or in a pre-chilled conveyance or truck. The shellstock must be cooled to an internal temperature of 50° F prior to shipment.

Dealers that decide to ship shellstock that has not been cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F, must provide documentation to the receiving dealer indicating time of shipment, that the shellstock were adequately iced or a conveyance prechilled at or below 45°F, the product was not cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F and indicate the presence of a time/temperature recording device unless the time of shipment is less than 4 hours.

# 3.33 Shipping Shellstock



#### Notes:

Narrative:

In addition to temperature controls, certain special products will require special labeling information.

Shellstock that is received bearing a 'restricted use tag' must only be shipped to a certified dealer and must include specific language detailing the
intended use of the shellstock. The transaction record must indicate the quantity of restricted use shellstock containers.

# 3.34 Shipping - Shucked Meat

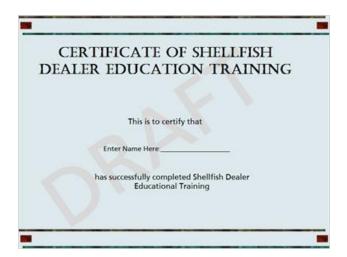


### Notes:

Narrative:

The same temperature controls are necessary when shipping the shucked meats. Dealers must ship product adequately iced; or in a conveyance prechilled and maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature.

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### **Notes:**

Narrative:

This concludes the Training program for repackers. Should you have additional questions, please contact "your state's authority information".

# 3.36 Thanks and Considerations



# 4. 4 - Shellstock Shipper Branch

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### Notes:

Narrative:

Shellstock Shippers typically handle whole oysters, clam or mussels. They may also engage in reshipping shellfish. So, the training for Shellstock Shippers focuses on two activities

- Shellstock Shipping
- Reshipping Shellstock and Shucked Shellfish

# 4.2 Untitled Slide



### **Notes:**

Narrative

The controls for Shellstock Shipping will be first discussed for products received 'directly from harvests'. The products received from other dealers will be discussed later.

### 4.3 Untitled Slide



### Notes:

Narrative:

When receiving product, there are many things you need to be aware of to ensure the shellfish are harvested from 'approved sources' and they are 'properly handled' before accepting for processing.

The dealer must ensure that the 'live shellstock' is only obtained from a 'licensed harvester' who has:

- Harvested the shellstock from an Approved or Conditionally Approved area during open status as indicated by the 'required' tags,
- Identified the shellstock with a tag on each container or transaction record on each bulk shipment,
- and delivered the daily harvest within the time/temperature requirements of the current state harvest control plans

### 4.4 State Harvest Control Plans



#### Notes:

Narrative:

State Harvest Control Plans will differ by location. The time/temperature requirements will differ in various harvest locations based on the plans required per state.

State Harvest Control Plans may be based on:

- Water temperatures in the harvest area,
- Air temperatures in the harvest area,
- Salinity in the harvest area,
- Harvesting techniques, and
- Other factors which can be used to reduce potential risk due to certain bacteria

There are 3 general plans depending on the product and processing location.

- The State Vibrio vulnificus Control Plan
- The State Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plan
- And a general State Harvest Control Plan for all other shellstock

These plans are necessary to reduce potential health risk associated with raw consumption of shellfish.

## 4.5 Vibrio vulnificus Control Plan



### Notes:

Narrative:

States are required to use controls that achieve established risk per serving levels.

The specified controls may include:

- If the Average Monthly Maximum Water Temperature exceeds 70°F:
  - oysters are labeled with the phrase "For shucking by a certified dealer", or
  - Subjecting all oysters intended for the raw, half-shell market to Authority approved post harvest processing
  - Reducing time of exposure to ambient air temperature prior to delivery to the initial certified dealer based on modeling or sampling, as
    determined by the Authority in consultation with FDA.
- If the Average Monthly Maximum Water temperature is between 70°F and 80 °F.
  - Authority approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize V.v. growth to the extent possible.
- Alternative controls that will reduce the risk when water temperatures exceed 70°F.

# 4.6 Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plan



### Notes:

Narrative:

As for the potential risk associated with the natural occurrence of Vibrio vulnificus, some states may also include a controls plans for potential Vibrio parahaemolyticus. These plans may vary by regions but are all based on average monthly maximum harvest water or air temperatures.

If a State has a harvest area that was linked to an outbreak of Vibrio parahaemolyticus within the prior five years, that State must develop and implement a Control Plan for the involved area.

For States required to implement Vibrio parahaemolyticus Control Plans, the plan must:

- Establish temperature triggers for when control measures are needed.
- Implement control measures to reduce the risk of Vibrio parahaemolyticus illness at times when it is reasonably likely to occur.
   Require the original dealer to cool oysters to an internal temperature of \$50°F within ten (10) hours during periods when risk of Vibrio is present Without compliance with this cooling requirement, oysters must be diverted to PHP or shucking.

### 4.7 General State Control Plan

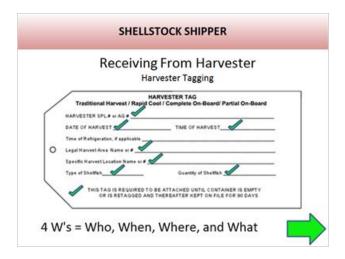


### **Notes:**

Narrative:

If there is 'no' specific Vibrio vulnificus or Vibrio parahaemolyticus plan, then a general State control plan may apply. This plan is based on the average monthly maximum 'air' temperature and limits the hours of exposure as the temperature rises. Exposure is the length of time that the shellstock are exposed the warm air. Harvesters that harvest shellstock for restricted use are required to meet the general state control plan.

# 4.8 Receiving from Harvester



#### Notes:

Narrative:

Regardless of the harvest plan, all harvested shellstock must be properly tagged.

Dealers can only accept product which was obtained and transported from a harvester that has identified the shellstock with a tag on each container as outlined in the NSSP model ordinance. Harvesters are taught to include the 4 Ws of each tag........ The who, when, where, and what . The dealer should know this information, and must keep the harvester tags on each container of shellstock until the container is either shipped or emptied to process. The harvester tags must include:

- the certification number assigned by the authority,
- the harvest date and time,
- the harvest location,
- type and quantity of shellstock, and
- a statement requiring the tag to be attached until the container is emptied and for the tag to be on record for 90 days.

## 4.9 Receiving from Harvester



### Notes:

Narrative:

For example, here are several filled out harvester tags. Notice how they convey all the important information that is vital to traceability and seafood safety. Look for the 4 W's!

### 4.10 Untitled Slide



#### Notes:

Narrative

In some situations dealers may handle shellstock harvested for 'restricted use'. In addition to the required temperature controls, this product must include a special, restricted use tag. This special tag must include specific information detailing the intended use of the shellstock and the transaction records must indicate the quantity of restricted use shellstock containers.

### 4.11 Untitled Slide



### Notes:

Narrative:

A Shellstock Shipper can also process and repack shellstock received from other dealers.

All Shellstock received from another dealer must be:

- 1) Identified with a tag on each container
- 2) Accompanied by documentation indicating the time of shipment, that all shellstock was adequately iced or the conveyance was prechilled to at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature and the presence of a time/temperature recording device for any shellstock harvested that has not been cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) prior to shipment
- Adequately iced or Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F(7.2°C) ambient air temperature or cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) or less

# 4.12 Receiving from Other Dealers



### **Notes:**

Narrative:

The Shellstock Shipper must tag the product with the following information:

- the dealers name and address,
- the certification number assigned by the authority,
- the original shellstock shippers certification number,
- the harvest date,
- the harvest location,
- type and quantity of shellstock,
- a statement requiring the tag to be attached until the container is emptied and for the tag to be on record for 90 days,
- a consumer advisory for shellstock intended for raw consumption,
- and a keep refrigerated statement.

### 4.13 Untitled Slide



#### Notes:

#### Narrative:

Immediate temperature control is necessary when receiving shellstock from directly from harvesters or from another dealer. The dealer must ensure that the shellstock is;

- Adequately iced; or
- Placed in a storage area or conveyance maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C); and
- Processed within two hours of receipt; and
- Not be permitted to remain without ice, mechanical refrigeration or other approved methods of storage, for more than two (2) hours at points of processing or transfers such as loading docks.

### 4.14 Untitled Slide



### **Notes:**

#### Narrative:

All oysters harvested under Vibrio Control Plans must be cooled to an internal temperature of 55°F or 50°F within \_required time\_ depending on which state harvest control plan is in effect.

# 4.15 Shipping Shellstock



#### Notes:

Narrative:

Dealers must only ship shellstock adequately iced or in a prechilled conveyance or truck. The shellstock must be cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) prior to shipment.

Dealers that decide to ship shellstock that has not been cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C), must provide documentation to the receiving dealer indicating time of shipment, that the shellstock were adequately iced or a conveyance prechilled at or below 45°F (7.2°C), the product was not cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) and indicate the presence of a time/temperature recording device unless the time of shipment is less than 4 hours.

# 4.16 Shipping Shellstock



### **Notes:**

Narrative:

In addition to temperature controls, certain special products will require special labeling information.

Shellstock that is received bearing a 'restricted use tag' must only be shipped to a certified dealer and must include specific language detailing the intended
use of the shellstock. The transaction record must indicate the quantity of restricted use shellstock containers.

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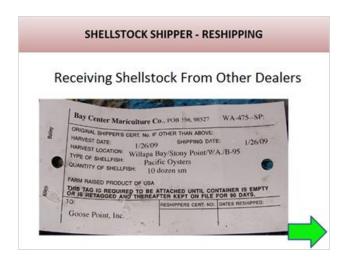
#### Notes:

Narrative:

A Shellstock Shipper may engage in the activity of reshipping.

If reshipping, the dealer may handle both shellstock and previous shucked products from another dealer who provides a complete dealer tag for shellstock and is properly labeled if shucked products. The shellfish must also meet several other requirements associated with cooling.

# 4.18 Receiving from other Dealers



### Notes:

Narrative:

When receiving shellstock from another dealer, the dealer tags must include:

- the dealers name and address,
- the certification number assigned by the authority,
- the original shellstock shippers certification number,
- the harvest date,

- the harvest location,
- type and quantity of shellstock,
- a statement requiring the tag to be attached until the container is emptied and for the tag to be on record for 90 days,
- a consumer advisory for shellstock intended for raw consumption,
- · and a keep refrigerated statement.

For shucked shellfish, the container must bear the following information:

At a minimum the dealer shall label each individual package containing fresh or frozen shucked shellfish meat in a legible and indelible form in accordance with CFR 21, Part 101; Part 161, Subpart B (161.30, and 161.136) and the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act.

The dealer shall assure that the shucker-packer's or repacker's certification number is on the label of each package of fresh or frozen shellfish.

The dealer shall label each individual package containing less than 64 fluid ounces of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "SELL BY" or "BEST IF USED BY" followed by a reasonable date when the product would be expected to reach the end of its shelf life;
- The date shall consist of the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date.

The dealer shall label each individual package containing 64 fluid ounces or more of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "DATE SHUCKED" followed by the date shucked located on both the lid and sidewall or bottom of the container;
- The date shall consist of either the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month or in Julian format (YDDD), the
  last digit of the four digit year and the three digit number corresponding the day of the year; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

If the dealer thaws and repacks frozen shellfish, the dealer shall label the shellfish container as previously frozen.

If the dealer freezes fresh shucked shellfish, the dealer shall label all frozen shellfish as frozen in type of equal prominence immediately adjacent to the type of the shellfish and the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

If the dealer uses lot codes to track shellfish containers, the lot codes shall be distinct and set apart from any date listed on the container.

The dealer shall assure that each package of fresh or frozen shucked shellfish shall include a consumer advisory. The following statement, from Section 3-603.11 of the Current Food Code, or an equivalent statement, shall be included on all packages." Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

## 4.19 Labeling



### Notes:

Narrative:

For shucked shellfish, the container must bear the following information:

At a minimum the dealer shall label each individual package containing fresh or frozen shucked shellfish meat in a legible and indelible form in accordance with CFR 21, Part 101; Part 161, Subpart B (161.30, and 161.136) and the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act.

The dealer shall assure that the shucker-packer's or repacker's certification number is on the label of each package of fresh or frozen shellfish.

The dealer shall label each individual package containing less than 64 fluid ounces of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "SELL BY" or "BEST IF USED BY" followed by a reasonable date when the product would be expected to reach the end of its shelf life;
- The date shall consist of the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month; and
   For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date.

## 4.20 Labeling



### Notes:

Narrative: The dealer shall label each individual package containing 64 fluid ounces or more of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "DATE SHUCKED" followed by the date shucked located on both the lid and sidewall or bottom of the
  container;
- The date shall consist of either the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month or in Julian format (YDDD), the last digit of the four digit year and the three digit number corresponding the day of the year; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

# 4.21 Receiving from Other Dealers



#### Notes:

#### Narrative:

If the dealer thaws and repacks frozen shellfish, the dealer shall label the shellfish container as previously frozen.

If the dealer freezes fresh shucked shellfish, the dealer shall label all frozen shellfish as frozen in type of equal prominence immediately adjacent to the type of the shellfish and the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

If the dealer uses lot codes to track shellfish containers, the lot codes shall be distinct and set apart from any date listed on the container.

The dealer shall assure that each package of fresh or frozen shucked shellfish shall include a consumer advisory. The following statement, from Section 3-603.11 of the Current Food Code, or an equivalent statement, shall be included on all packages: "Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

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### Notes:

### Narrative:

In addition to product information regarding source, the dealer can only receive shell stock that is:

- Adequately iced; o
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F ambient air temperature; or
- Cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F or less.

If the dealer receives shellstock from another dealer who has elected to ship shellstock without the being cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F, the documentation must indicate the product was not cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F and indicate the presence of a time/temperature recording device unless the time of shipment is less than 4 hours.

# 4.23 Shucked Meats from other Dealers



### Notes:

Narrative:

When receiving shucked shellfish, the dealer can only receive shellstock that is:

- · Adequately iced; or
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F ambient air temperature; or

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### Notes:

Narrative:

Immediate temperature control is necessary when receiving shellstock. The dealer must ensure that the shellstock or shucked shellfish are:

- Adequately iced;
- Placed in a storage area or conveyance maintained at or below 45° F ; and
- Not be permitted to remain without ice, mechanical refrigeration or other approved methods of cold storage, for more than two (2) hours during the 'cumulative' time for all processing steps and transfers such as loading docks.

# 4.25 Storage - Shucked Meats



### Notes:

Narrative:

The dealer must store shucked shellfish at an ambient temperature of 45°F (7.2°C) or less.

# 4.26 Shipping Shellstock



### Notes:

Narrative:

Dealers must only ship shellstock adequately iced or in a prechilled conveyance or truck. The shellstock must be cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) prior to shipment.

Dealers that decide to ship shellstock that has not been cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C), must provide documentation to the receiving dealer indicating time of shipment, that the shellstock were adequately iced or a conveyance prechilled at or below 45°F (7.2°C), the product was not cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) and indicate the presence of a time/temperature recording device unless the time of shipment is less than 4 hours.

# 4.27 Shipping Shellstock



#### Notes:

Narrative:

In addition to temperature controls, certain special products will require special labeling information.

• Shellstock that is received bearing a 'restricted use tag' must only be shipped to a certified dealer and must include specific language detailing the intended use of the shellstock. The transaction record must indicate the quantity of restricted use shellstock containers.

# 4.28 Shipping - Shucked Meat

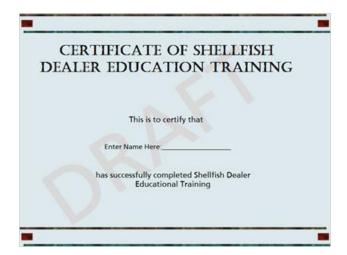


### **Notes:**

Narrative:

The same temperature controls are necessary when shipping the shucked meats. Dealers must ship product adequately iced; or in a conveyance prechilled and maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature.

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### **Notes:**

Narrative:

This concludes the Training program for shellstock shippers. Should you have additional questions, please contact "your state's authority information".

# 4.30 Thanks and Considerations



# 5. 5 - Reshipper Branch

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### Notes:

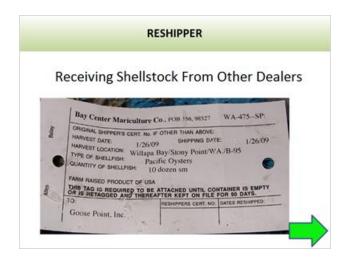
#### Narrative:

As a Reshipper, the dealer can be handling both shellstock and previous shucked products from another dealer who provides a complete dealer tag for shellstock and is properly labeled if shucked products. The shellfish must also meet several other requirements associated with cooling.

All Shellstock received from another dealer must be:

- 1. Identified with a tag on each container
- 2. Adequately iced or Shipped in a conveyance prechilled at or below 45°F(7.2°C) ambient air temperature or cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) or less
- 3. Accompanied by documentation indicating the time of shipment, that the conveyance was prechilled, notice of any shellstock that was shipped prior to meeting required internal temperature, and notice of a time/temperature device indicating that continuous cooling has occurred since time of shipment.

### 5.2 Receiving from other Dealers



#### Notes:

#### Narrative:

When receiving shellstock from another dealer, the dealer tags must include:

- the dealers name and address,
- · the certification number assigned by the authority,
- · the original shellstock shippers certification number,
- · the harvest date
- · the harvest location,
- type and quantity of shellstock,
- a statement requiring the tag to be attached until the container is emptied and for the tag to be on record for 90 days,
- a consumer advisory for shellstock intended for raw consumption,
- and a keep refrigerated statement.

For shucked shellfish, the container must bear the following information:

At a minimum the dealer shall label each individual package containing fresh or frozen shucked shellfish meat in a legible and indelible form in accordance with CFR 21, Part 101; Part 161, Subpart B (161.30, and 161.136) and the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act.

The dealer shall assure that the shucker-packer's or repacker's certification number is on the label of each package of fresh or frozen shellfish.

The dealer shall label each individual package containing less than 64 fluid ounces of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "SELL BY" or "BEST IF USED BY" followed by a reasonable date when the product would be expected to reach the end of its shelf life;
- The date shall consist of the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date.

The dealer shall label each individual package containing 64 fluid ounces or more of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "DATE SHUCKED" followed by the date shucked located on both the lid and sidewall or bottom of the container;
- The date shall consist of either the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month or in Julian format (YDDD), the last digit of the four digit year and the three digit number corresponding the day of the year; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

If the dealer thaws and repacks frozen shellfish, the dealer shall label the shellfish container as previously frozen.

If the dealer freezes fresh shucked shellfish, the dealer shall label all frozen shellfish as frozen in type of equal prominence immediately adjacent to the type of the shellfish and the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

If the dealer uses lot codes to track shellfish containers, the lot codes shall be distinct and set apart from any date listed on the container.

The dealer shall assure that each package of fresh or frozen shucked shellfish shall include a consumer advisory. The following statement, from Section 3-603.11 of the Current Food Code, or an equivalent statement, shall be included on all packages: "Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

## 5.3 Labeling



### Notes:

Narrative:

For shucked shellfish, the container must bear the following information:

At a minimum the dealer shall label each individual package containing fresh or frozen shucked shellfish meat in a legible and indelible form in accordance with CFR 21, Part 101; Part 161, Subpart B (161.30, and 161.136) and the Federal Fair Packaging and Labeling Act.

The dealer shall assure that the shucker-packer's or repacker's certification number is on the label of each package of fresh or frozen shellfish.

The dealer shall label each individual package containing less than 64 fluid ounces of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "SELL BY" or "BEST IF USED BY" followed by a reasonable date when the product would be expected to reach the end of its shelf life;
- The date shall consist of the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month; and
   For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date.

## 5.4 Labeling



### Notes:

Narrative:

The dealer shall label each individual package containing 64 fluid ounces or more of fresh or fresh frozen shellfish with the following:

- The words "DATE SHUCKED" followed by the date shucked located on both the lid and sidewall or bottom of the
  container;
- The date shall consist of either the abbreviation for the month and number of the day of the month or in Julian format (YDDD), the last digit of the four digit year and the three digit number corresponding the day of the year; and
- For fresh frozen shellfish, the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

# 5.5 Receiving from Other Dealers



### Notes:

Narrative:

If the dealer thaws and repacks frozen shellfish, the dealer shall label the shellfish container as previously frozen.

If the dealer freezes fresh shucked shellfish, the dealer shall label all frozen shellfish as frozen in type of equal prominence immediately adjacent to the type of the shellfish and the year shall be added to the date (for non-Julian format).

If the dealer uses lot codes to track shellfish containers, the lot codes shall be distinct and set apart from any date listed on the container.

The dealer shall assure that each package of fresh or frozen shucked shellfish shall include a consumer advisory. The following statement, from Section 3-603.11 of the Current Food Code, or an equivalent statement, shall be included on all packages." Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

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### **Notes:**

Narrative:

In addition to product information regarding source, the reshipper can only receive shellstock that is:

- Adequately iced; or
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F ambient air temperature; or
- Cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F or less.

If the Reshipper receives shellstock from another dealer who has elected to ship shellstock without the being cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F and indicate the product was not cooled to an internal temperature c

# 5.7 Shucked Meats from other Dealers



### Notes:

Narrative:

When receiving shucked shellfish, the reshipper can only receive shellstock that is:

- · Adequately iced; or
- Shipped in a conveyance maintained at or below 45°F ambient air temperature; or

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### **Notes:**

Immediate temperature control is necessary when receiving shellstock or shucked shellfish. The Reshipper must ensure that the shellstock or shucked shellfish are:

- Adequately iced;
- Placed in a storage area or conveyance maintained at or below 45° F; and
- Not be permitted to remain without ice, mechanical refrigeration or other approved methods of cold storage, for more than two (2) hours during the 'cumulative' time for all processing steps and transfers such as loading docks.

# 5.9 Storage - Shucked Meats



### Notes:

Narrative:

The Reshipper must store shucked shellfish at an ambient temperature of 45°F (7.2°C) or less.

# 5.10 Shipping Shellstock



### Notes:

Narrative:

Dealers must only ship shellstock adequately iced or in a prechilled conveyance or truck. The shellstock must be cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) prior to shipment.

Dealers that decide to ship shellstock that has not been cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C), must provide documentation to the receiving dealer indicating time of shipment, that the shellstock were adequately iced or a conveyance prechiled at or below 45°F /7.2°C), the product was not cooled to an internal temperature of 50°F (10°C) and indicate the presence of a time/temperature recording device unless the time of shipment is less than 4 hours.

# 5.11 Shipping Shellstock



### **Notes:**

Narrative:

In addition to temperature controls, certain special products will require special labeling information.

• Shellstock that is received bearing a 'restricted use tag' must only be shipped to a certified dealer and must include specific language detailing the intended use of the shellstock. The transaction record must indicate the quantity of restricted use shellstock containers.

# 5.12 Shipping - Shucked Meat

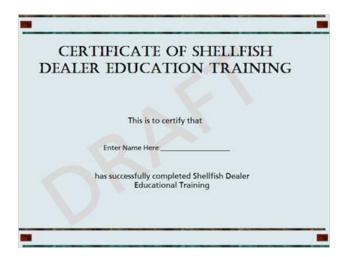


### Notes:

Narrative:

The same temperature controls are necessary when shipping the shucked meats. Dealers must ship product adequately iced; or in a conveyance prechilled and maintained at or below 45°F (7.2°C) ambient air temperature.

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### **Notes:**

Narrative:

This concludes the Training program for reshippers. Should you have additional questions, please contact "your state's authority information".

# 5.14 Thanks and Considerations

