

Molluscan Shellfish

What is a Molluscan Shellfish?

“Molluscan shellfish” means an edible species of fresh or frozen oysters, clams, mussels, and scallops or edible portions thereof, except when the scallop product consists only of the shucked adductor muscle. “Shellstock” means raw, in shell molluscan shellfish. “Shucked shellfish” means molluscan shellfish that have one or both shells removed.

When Purchasing and Receiving Raw Shucked Shellfish Make Sure That:

- Shucked shellfish are obtained from an approved source. Consult the “Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List.”
- Shucked shellfish are obtained in nonreturnable packages that have a legible label that identifies the following:
 - Name, address, and certification number of the shucker-packer or the repacker.
 - The “sell by” date for containers with a capacity of less than one-half gallon or the “date shucked” for packages with a capacity of one-half gallon or larger.
- Shucked shellfish are received at 45° F or below. Once received shucked shellfish must be cooled to 41° F or less within four hours.
- Shucked shellfish are not removed from the original container until sold or served unless the labeling information for the shellfish on display is retained and correlated to the date(s) when the shellfish are sold or served.

When Purchasing and Receiving Molluscan Shellstock Make Sure That:

- Shellstock were harvested from approved waters and obtained from an approved source. Consult the Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List.
- Shellstock are received at a temperature of 50° F. or below. Once received, shellstock must be cooled to 41°F. or less within four hours.

- Not more than one tagged or labeled container is used at one time without a variance based on an approved HACCP plan.
- Shellstock are not co-mingled with shellstock from another container before being ordered by a customer.
- Tags or labels shall be retained for 90 days in a system that keeps the tags correlated to the date(s) of sale/service.
- Container label or tag must include:
 - Harvester’s identification number, date of harvest, harvest location including the abbreviation of state and country, and the type and quantity of shellfish.
 - The statement: **AT THIS TAG IS REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED UNTIL CONTAINER IS EMPTY OR RETAGGED AND THEREAFTER KEPT ON FILE FOR 90 DAYS.**
 - Dealer’s name, address, certification number and the original shippers certification number including the abbreviation of state or country of harvest.

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