SFA Export Library Market Reports on Food Import Regulations and Standards

Country of Origin	Singapore (SG)
Country of Destination	Myanmar (MM)
Food Product Category	Fish and Seafood Products
Product Code	HS Codes: 0302 - 0309, 1604/1605

The information in this document has been compiled and provided by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA). SFA emphasises that importers and exporters have the responsibility to find out the import requirements of destination countries/regions/markets. Exporters are advised to confirm with their importers on the import requirements and eligibility of their product before exporting.

SN	Sub-header	Details
1	**Product eligibility / ineligibility**	Fish and seafood products are eligible for export from Singapore to Myanmar.
2	**Importing country authority**	The Department of Fisheries (DOF) under Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under Ministry of Health are the competent authorities regulating the import of fish and seafood products into Myanmar. DOF is responsible for the regulation of imported fish and seafood products. FDA is largely responsible for the regulation of processed foods (which include seafood products).
3	**Pre-export approvals by the importing country**	**Products** In May 2024, FDA announced a Food Product Notification, detailing the requirements on applying for food product registration, such as submitting information regarding food type, brand, net weight, packaging, manufacturer, and certification via the E-Submission System. The new initiative would be implemented in phases, with the current phase being voluntary before amending as needed for mandatory compliance. **Establishments** No establishment listing is required for fish and seafood products exported from Singapore to Myanmar.

		Importers Importers must obtain the necessary approvals (namely import recommendation, import license, and import health certificate) before importing into Myanmar. **Import recommendation** For fish and seafood products, an import recommendation is required from the Department of Fisheries. According to the Import Recommendation for Live Aquatic Animals and Import Recommendation for Fish Meat and Fishery Products, the importer of fish and seafood products shall apply along with the following supporting documents: 1) Application letter with company letterhead that mentioned import country, product, mode of transportation 2) Copy of Health Certificate issued by overseas Competent Authority 3) Country of Origin 4) Sanitary Certificate 5) HACCP Certificate 6) Proforma Invoice 7) Packing List 8) Sale Contract 9) Copy of company registration issued by Directorate of Investment and Company Administration 10) Export/Import License Copy (to present after importation) For processed food, an import recommendation is required from the Food and Drug Administration. According to the Food Import Recommendation, the importer of processed food must complete and submit application to the E-Submission System Registration along with the necessary supporting documents. Such documents must contain food specification document, ingredients document, GMP certificate, and label or if food item with big size packaging is uneasy to provide, a photo or branding of such food item is required. **Import license**

		After receiving the import recommendation, the importer shall continue to apply for import license from the Ministry of Commerce (MOC). The applicant (company representative or agent) can file for the import license via the TradeNet 2.0. **Import health certificate** Before clearing import customs for packaged seafood products, the importer shall prepare to apply for food import health certificate from the Food and Drug Administration through the Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS) with a sample food amount of 1500 g. According to the Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation, the importer shall file the application with the following supporting documents: 1) Bill of lading 2) Invoice 3) Packing list 4) Import declaration / Release Order Notification 5) Certificate of analysis 6) Health Certificate 7) Registered trademark
4	**Export certificates for food**	**(1) Health Certificate** A valid Export Health Certificate issued by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is required for each consignment of fish and seafood products. For exports that require an Export Health Certificate, you may forward the import permit / conditions to SFA here. According to the Import Recommendation for Live Aquatic Animals and Import Recommendation for Fish Meat and Fishery Products, the import of fish and seafood products requires original Health Certificate issued by the overseas competent authority. The import conditions are outlined in the Directive No. 9/2014 Recommendation for Importing Raw Fish and the published Certification Requirements for Importing Raw Fish.

(2) Certificate of Analysis

A certificate of analysis (laboratory test report) must be provided for each consignment. The test should be done before importing. The specific test parameters for 36 pre-determined food categories are listed in the Minimum Requirement of Laboratory Parameters for Food Safety by FDA.

For no. 11 category of "fish and seafood products pre-packaged," refer to the following extracted details:

Parameters		**Status**
Chemical	Histamine (for fishes of histidine)	Mandatory
	Veterinary drug residues	Optional
Heavy Metal	Mercury	Mandatory
	Tin	Mandatory – Canned
	Other relevant heavy metals	Optional
Microbiological	*Escherichia coli*	Mandatory
	Salmonella	Mandatory
	Listeria monocytogenes	Mandatory
	Vibrio cholerae	Mandatory
	Vibrio parahaemolyticus	Mandatory
	Clostridium perfringens	Optional
	Clostridium botulinum	Optional

Both importers and exporters should be aware of the additional testing parameters in no. 35 category of "ready-to-eat products" and no. 36 category of "ready-to-cook products."

The import conditions are outlined in the Directive No. 9/2014 Recommendation for Importing Raw Fish and the published Testing Requirements for Importing Raw Fish.

(3) Certificate of Origin

A certificate of origin must be provided for each consignment.

		The import conditions are outlined in the Directive No. 9/2014 Recommendation for Importing Raw Fish and the published Origin of Importing Raw Fish. **(4) Other Certificates** A valid food safety management system certificate (such as GMP or HACCP or ISO 22000 certificate) should accompany the consignment.
5	**Regulations and standards**	Interested exporters who wish to export fish and seafood products to Myanmar must meet all their regulations and standards. The following links are provided as a guide: **(1)General regulations** National Food Law, National Food Law Amendment (16-8-2013) and National Food Law Amendment Act 2024 outline the responsibilities, powers and organization structure of the FDA. This includes the application and revocation of food establishment licenses, the responsibilities of food inspectors, the relevant conditions for violations and corresponding penalties, and the specific requirements for food production, storage, transportation, distribution, sales, import and export. **(2)Food additives** The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for food additives will be the latest relevant version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is General Standard for Food Additives CXS 192-1995 and Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) Online Database. In addition, the SOP listed some banned food additives: - Unpermitted food colour are sudan II, rhodamin B, auramine O, orange II, orange III - Unpermitted food preservatives are formalin, borax, sodium hydrosulphite, salicylic acid The SOP also listed the maximum level of selected food additives (namely cyclamate, sorbate, benzoate, aspartame, saccharin, sulfite, and nitrites) in specified food categories.

		(3)Contaminants and toxins The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for chemical contaminants in food will be the latest relevant version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed CXS 193-1995. **(4)Microorganisms** The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for microbiological contaminants in food will be the latest version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is Principles and Guidelines for the Establishment and Application of Microbiological Criteria Related to Food CXS 21-1997. **(5)Pesticide residues** The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for maximum residue limit of pesticide will be the latest version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is Codex Pesticides Residues in Food Online Database. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation issued the Notification No. 2/2021 concerning the prohibited pesticide list and Notification No. 15/2023 concerning the amendment of the list of pesticides prohibited for use in Myanmar, which bans the use of toxic substances. **(6)Veterinary drug residues** The Standard Operating Procedures for Food Importation and Exportation stipulates that the main reference for maximum residue limit of veterinary drug in food will be the latest version recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission, that is Codex Veterinary Drug Residue in Food Online Database.
6	**Labelling, packaging and marking requirements**	**(1)Labelling** Declaration No. 8/2022 Order to Label Prepackaged Foods states the definition of terms, the basic principles of labelling, the content that must be included in the label, the compulsory labelling requirements for irradiated foods, alcoholic beverages, warning, and nutrition facts, the provisions for indexing, the additional resources, and other regulatory administrative or enforcement functions. The contents in the label must include the name

		of the food, the list of ingredients, the net content, the name and address, the country of origin, the lot identification, the date marking, and the instructions for use. The directive also stipulates that the language used in the label must be Burmese. If the language of the original label is not Burmese, the product should be re-labelled and the information of the re-label must be consistent with the original label. Consumer Protection Law, Notification No. 1/2019 Labelling requirements for businesses, and Directive No. 2/2019 Labeling Requirement for the Business required all consumer products sold in the country to be labelled with minimal information in Burmese. Instruction No. 1/98 Minimum requirements of the food industry required the label of foods to include the name and address of company, the list of ingredients, the date of manufacturing and expiry. In addition, the date markings must not be easily removed, erased, or reused. If the packaging is more than one layer, the date markings must be applied in all packaging layers. The Food Product Notification currently encourages all pre-packaged foods to display a food product code on the product label to ensure consumer safety and traceability. **(2)Packaging** It is recommended to follow ASEAN General Guidelines on Food Contact Materials and General Standard for the Labelling of Prepacked Foods CXS 1-1985.
7	**Other information**	**Import Procedures** Upon arrival at the designated port or border gate of Myanmar, the importer shall submit the Import Declaration and relevant documents to the Myanmar Customs Department through the Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS). In addition, the importer will need to arrange samples for physical and laboratory examination. The DOF officials will test the samples based on risk and data assessment. Myanmar National Trade Portal also provides detailed import procedures. **WTO Import Licensing Procedures**

		Myanmar's legislation and notifications Myanmar's participation in WTO **ASEAN resources on prepared / processed foods** Regulation - Myanmar (contains a comprehensive list of regulations, standards, and decrees in static PDF files) **ASEAN Trade Repository** ASEAN Member States' National Trade Repositories Search Harmonised Standards in ASEAN **USDA Gain Reports** Burma FAIRS Country Report provides guidelines on Myanmar's food import regulations to American exporters **Contact Information** Department of Food and Drug Administration Email: fda@mohs.gov.mm, fdanpt1@gmail.com, foodasean3.mm@gmail.com Phone: 067-403609 Fax: 067-403350 Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Email: contact@e-moali.gov.mm Phone: 067-410004, 067-408434 Fax: 067-408049 For more details: Guide to Importing Goods into Myanmar, Food Import Recommendation, Import License Procedure, Applicant User Guide for Product Notification (PN) on FDA E-Submission System and List of FDA-approved raw materials (exempted from import recommendation)

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