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Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 23 of the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law 1990, the Director General of the Department of Fisheries issues the following Director for Packaging Requirements for Fish and Fishery Products.

PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

Basic requirements

- 1.1 The construction of packaging and the material used in packaging for processed fisheries product must be suitable for use with the food.
- 1.2 The construction of packaging and the materials used in packaging for processed fisheries product must not:
 - (a) cause or permit the food to suffer any undesirable physical, biochemical or microbiological deterioration; or
 - (b) impart a taint to the food; or
 - (c) contaminate the food; or
 - (d) contain a substance that could represent a hazard to health.
- 1.3 The construction of packaging and the materials used in packaging for processed fisheries product must not cause or permit the fisheries product to be exposed during storage or transportation.
- 1.4 The construction of packaging and the materials used in packaging for processed fisheries product must be sufficiently strong to withstand the handling ordinarily incurred by the packaging during transit to the final destination.

Covering

- 2.1 Processed fisheries product must not be exported unless the food is packed in a covering that will enable the goods to reach their export destination in a satisfactory and wholesome condition.

Packing

- 3.1 Processed fisheries product must be packed in such a manner and with such

material as to ensure that the food arrives at its export destination in a sound and wholesome condition.

Ink and colourants

- 4.1 The Ink used to apply descriptive marking to the packaging of processed fisheries product must not transfer onto the fisheries product.
- 4.2 Inks, and pigments or colourants in inks, applied to processed fisheries product or to packaging for processed fisheries product must be non toxic.
- 4.3 Inks, applied to processed fisheries or to packaging for processed fisheries product must not contain lakes or pigments containing any of the following substances.
 - (a) antimony; or
 - (b) arsenic; or
 - (c) cadmium; or
 - (d) chromium; or
 - (e) lead; or
 - (f) mercury; or
 - (g) other toxic metals.

Labels and tags

- 5.1 Labels and tags used in contact with processed fisheries product must not contaminate the fisheries product.

Reconditioned or reused packaging

- 6.1 A container or packaging must not be reconditioned or reused for packaging processed food if it has previously contained a substance other than food.
- 7.1 Any licence-holder for the processing of fish and fishery products shall abide by this Directive as one of the conditions of the licence.
- 7.2 On violation of the any terms or conditions of the Directive, criminal action may be taken under Section 45 of the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Law and the licence-holder may be liable to suspension, revocation, termination and cancellation of the licence under Section 24 of the said Law.

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