

authorized by the Ministry of Agriculture in that country. The certificate must indicate that the country has been free from foot and mouth disease and other serious animal diseases for at least six months prior to exportation; and it must describe the product being exported and indicate the name of the Canadian importer.

Meat products can only enter Canada if they originate from meat packing plants that have been approved by Canadian authorities for shipment to Canada. This approval must be obtained through bilateral discussions between Canadian officials and the plant in question, and it will involve the inspection of the plant to ensure that Canada's animal health requirements are met. All imported animal products and by-products must also be declared on an appropriate customs form prior to their arrival in Canada. Import permits may also be necessary for a limited number of products such as food samples containing animal products. Again, this permit must be obtained prior to the arrival of the shipment in Canada.

Detailed information on the export of Commonwealth Caribbean animal products to Canada can be obtained from the Food Production and Inspection Branch of Agriculture Canada. (See Annex 2 for address.)

Fish Products

Commonwealth Caribbean firms that are involved in exporting fish or fish products to Canada should be aware of Canada's inspection regulations concerning safety, quality, packaging, labelling, and marking requirements for imported fish intended for human consumption.

These requirements are outlined in a publication entitled: "Guide to Canadian Regulatory Requirements and Examination Procedures for Imported Fish" which is available from the authority responsible for the control and inspection of fish, the Inspection Branch of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in Canada.

To ensure that these inspection regulations are met, the Inspection Branch recommends that exporters of fish to Canada submit information about and sample labels of their products to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans prior to shipment.

Canadian firms that import fish into Canada are required to obtain an import licence issued by the Inspection Branch prior to importing fish products. The fee for this licence is \$100 and it is valid until December 31 of the year for which it was issued. Importers should also inform the Inspection Services Directorate of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans about the type, quality, producer