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The SFPA Publishes Updated Fishery Information Notice on Food Business Operators Retailing to the Final Consumer

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) recently updated the Fishery Information Notice (FIN) titled 'Food Business Operators (FBOs) Retailing to the Final Consumer.' This FIN provides an overview of the requirements for seafood businesses selling directly to final consumers.

Although the retailing of fisheries products does not require approval, if an FBO intends to carry out retail operations at a standalone establishment, such as a street-side shop or fishmongers, they must register with the Health Service Executive (HSE). The regulation of fisheries control activities will be carried out by the SFPA.

An FBO retailing fisheries products is required to have a food safety management system based on Hazard Analysis & Critical Control Point (HACCP) principles to ensure the activities carried out are done safely in accordance with national and EU food legislation.

The FIN also provides details on requirements surrounding the weighing of fishery products, buyer registration and submission of documentation, as well as traceability and labelling.

The SFPA is committed to supporting compliance with both new and existing legislation and is available to provide guidance. For assistance or further details on the FIN, please contact: sfpafood&fisheriessupport@sfpa.ie

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Note to Editor

The FIN can be accessed on the SFPA website www.sfpa.ie under 'Fishery Information Notices' and then 'Marketing, Traceability and Sale of Fishery Products',

or by following this link: [FFSU-FC-FIN-OC-04-25 Food Business Operators Retailing to the Final Consumer V2](#)

Further Information

About the SFPA

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) is the independent statutory body responsible for the regulation of the sea-fisheries and the sea-food production sectors. It promotes compliance with the EU Common Fisheries Policy, sea-fisheries law and food safety law relating to fish and fish products, verifies compliance and, where necessary, enforces it. Its mandate covers all fishing vessels operating within Ireland's 200-mile limit, over 2,000 Irish registered fishing vessels wherever they operate, and all seafood produced in Ireland's seafood processing companies. The SFPA operates through a network of regional port offices situated at Ireland's main fishery harbours. For further information visit: www.sfpa.ie