

## ShellMAP Regulatory Services

# Application to Relay Shellfish

### Shellfish Relay Authorisation

- A relay authorisation allows you to move shellfish from a closed, restricted or unclassified growing area, to another marine farm for the purposes of purging. It is otherwise an offence to commercially harvest shellfish from a closed, restricted or unclassified growing area. Relay authorisations are issued by the Shellfish Market Access Program (ShellMAP Regulatory Services).
- To apply for a authorisation, you must have a marine farm or wild harvesting licence issued by the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.
- ShellMAP Regulatory Services will assess each relaying activity only after receiving both the harvest and receiving authorisation applications.
- Harvest and receiving authorisation applications may be submitted together if you hold the licence for both the source and receiving leases.

**The requirements you must meet to apply for a relay/receive authorisation are as follows:**

### Harvest Authorisation Information (For the applicants holding shellfish at the source location that wish to relay to another location).

All harvested shellfish must come directly from the lease or wild harvest area listed on the authorisation.

#### Labelling

After harvesting, you must label all the shellfish containers with:

- The date and time of harvest
- The lease number and growing area of the source marine farm/wild harvest area
- The lease number and growing area of the receiving marine farm.

#### Transport

- You must transport the harvested shellfish to the receiving marine farm in a way that prevents contamination with substances harmful to public health.

#### Authorisation Duration

- All authorisations will have a defined duration that will vary depending on whether the relay activity is ongoing, or a 'one-off'.

## **Receiving Shellfish Information (For the receiver of stock from another location).**

### **Receiving Shellfish**

All relayed shellfish must be culled and placed in clean containers before placing in the water. The placement and configuration of containers holding the relayed shellfish must allow the shellfish to pump water (feed) normally. This enables normal reduction of contaminants in shellfish meat.

### **Holding Area**

Once transported to the receiving marine farm, harvested shellfish must be relayed to a separate, marked area.

The area must be used solely for the holding of the relayed shellfish. It must be adequately separated (20m recommended) from other parts of the marine farm to prevent cross-contamination, taking into account the predominant water flow in the area.

You may hold multiple batches of relayed shellfish (from different sources or harvest dates), but they must also be adequately separated to prevent cross-contamination.

### **Labelling and Identification**

You must place an identifying mark on each container holding relayed shellfish on the farm. Labels must carry the relay batch number, or the following details:

- The date and time of harvest.
- The lease number and growing area of the source marine farm/wild harvest area
- The date and time of relay.

Where a batch number is used, records must be kept of the details listed above relating to that batch number.

### **Duration of Holding**

The relayed shellfish must remain in the holding area for the minimum period specified on the authorisation.

ShellMAP Regulatory Services may specify a different minimum holding period under certain conditions. Any period of harvest closure at the marine farm does not count toward the minimum period of holding. Marine farms are notified of closures by ShellMAP Regulatory Services.

## Records to be Kept by all Authorisation Holder/s

! All relaying activities must be noted in your Food Safety Program, including your relaying application (or relaying plan) and relaying authorisation/s.

! You must keep adequate records of relaying activities for at least 12 months.

The records you are required to keep are:

- A copy of this authorisation application or your relaying plan.
- The current ShellMAP Regulatory Services authorisation/s relevant to relaying activities.

## Harvest Authorisations for Relaying Shellfish

**You must keep a record of the following information:**

- The date and time of harvesting shellfish from the source lease/wild harvest area.
- The number and species of shellfish harvested, the method of transport and labelling.
- The relay authorisation number.
- The receiving authorisation number.
- The date of removal of relayed shellfish from rack/long line.
- The destination of relayed shellfish after removal from rack/long line.
- Any microbiological or chemical tests conducted on relayed shellfish before, during or after depuration.
- Any environmental parameters required to be monitored during the depuration period.

## For Receiving Authorisations

**You must keep a record of the following information:**

- The date and time of receipt of relayed shellfish.
- The number and species of relayed shellfish.
- The source of relayed shellfish, including lease number/wild harvest area and removal authorisation number.
- The receiving authorisation number.
- The method of maintaining adequate separation between different lots of relayed shellfish; and separation between relayed shellfish still within their specified holding time and shellfish that are intended for harvest and sale.
- The identification mark of each container of relayed shellfish on rack/long line.

### **Access by Authorised Officers**

You must make these records must be available for inspection on request by an Authorised Officer under the *Primary Produce Safety Act 2011*. Additionally, you must allow access to any activity subject to the relay authorisation by an Authorised Officer under the *Primary Produce Safety Act 2011* at all reasonable times.

### **Authorisation conditions**

- Each relay authorisation will detail the conditions under which the relaying operations may proceed.
- Relay Authorisations are non-transferable and issued only for a specific relaying operation.
- ShellMAP Regulatory Services may revoke a authorisation if there has been any breach of the authorisation conditions and operating procedures.

### **More information**

Conditions for relaying are detailed in the Australian Shellfish Quality Assurance Program's (ASQAP) Operational Manual, available online at <http://dpiwwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity/product-integrity/food-safety/seafood/shellfish-quality/publications>

If you need help with this application, or have a question, call the ShellMAP Regulatory Services Manager on 03 6165 3771.

**Please fill out the form/s below that apply to your requirements.**

## Application for Intention to Harvest and Relay Shellfish from a Source Location:

### Your Details

Name of person filling out this application: \_\_\_\_\_

Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

Licence number related to the relay activities: BM \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you held a Relay Authorisation in previous years? Yes / No
2. Do you need to make changes to your previous authorisation? Yes / No – **(If Yes, Go to 3. If No, Please check the box at the bottom of this application form).**
3. If you need to make any updates or changes to your previous authorisation, please provide all information relating to your authorisation in the following tables, including all:

**(a)** Lease number/s and Growing Area name/s of source marine farm/s or wild harvest area/s:

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**(b)** Lease number/s and Growing Area name/s of receiving marine farm/s or classified wild harvest purge site/s:

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4. Please outline the authorisation duration you require (maximum 12 months):

**Please check the box:**

By lodging this application, I acknowledge I must comply with the conditions given on any relay authorisation and that ShellMAP Regulatory Services Regulatory Services may revoke my authorisation if I breach the authorisation conditions or operating procedures.

Print Name:

Signed:

## Application for Intention to Receive Relayed Shellfish from a Source Location:

### Your Details

Name of person filling out this application: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Licence number related to the relay activities: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you held a Receiving authorisation in previous years? Yes / No
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