


## Shellstock Tag Requirements

All shellstock must have an identification tag

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|    | DEALER NAME _____                                       | CERT. NO. _____ |
|   | Dealer Address _____                                    |                 |
|   | City, State Zip Code _____                              |                 |
|   | ORIGINAL SHIPPER'S CERT. NO. IF OTHER THAN ABOVE: _____ |                 |
|   | HARVEST DATE: _____                                     |                 |
|   | HARVEST LOCATION: _____                                 |                 |
|   | TYPE OF SHELLFISH: _____                                |                 |
| QUANTITY OF SHELLFISH: _____  |   |                 |
| <b>THIS TAG IS REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED UNTIL CONTAINER IS EMPTY AND THEREAFTER KEPT ON FILE FOR 90 DAYS.</b>  |   |                 |
| <small>RETAILERS: INFORM YOUR CUSTOMERS<br/>Thoroughly cooking foods of animal origin such as beef, eggs, fish, fowl, poultry, or shellfish reduces the risk of foodborne illness. Individuals with certain health conditions may be at higher risk if these foods are consumed raw or undercooked. Consult your physician or public health official for further information.</small> |   |                 |

All shellstock tags must contain all of the following information:

1. Dealer Name, Address, and Certification Number [3-302.18(A)(2)(a)]
  2. Certification Number for Original Shipper (unless Dealer is Original Shipper) [3-302.18(A)(2)(b)]
  3. Harvest Date [3-302.18(A)(1)(b)]
  4. Harvest Location [3-302.18(A)(1)(c)]
  5. Type and Quantity of shellstock [3-302.18(A)(1)(d)]
  6. Retention Statement (bold and all caps) [3-302.18(A)(2)(d)]
  7. Consumer Advisory (for shellstock intended to be consumed raw) [NSSP 2009]
- All tags must be waterproof, durable, tear resistant, and be a minimum size of 5 1/4" x 2 5/8"
  - Tags may be single or double sided

**Any shellstock that does not have proper identification can not be offered for sale**

### Additional Requirements:

All shellstock must be stored in the original container (box, mesh bag, etc) that they are shipped in. The shellfish tag must be attached to (or inside of) the original container, and must stay with the original container until all shellstock are sold/used. Then the tag is removed from the container and stored for 90 days.

*Shellstock may be removed from the original container for retail display if the following steps are taken:*

1. Appropriate record keeping that links shellstock on display to the original container and
2. Ensures that shellstock from different containers are not commingled.

### References:

1. 2005 FDA Food Code Chapter 3 Sections 3-202.18, 3-203.11&12
2. National Shellfish Sanitation Program, Guide for Control of Molluscan Shellfish 2009 Section IV Chapter 3.04