

SCHEDULE 2

PRODUCTION AND PLACING ON THE MARKET CONDITIONS FOR LIVE SHELLFISH

CHAPTER IX

TRANSPORT FROM THE DISPATCH CENTRE

1. Except where paragraph 3 of Chapter VII applies, consignments of live shellfish intended for human consumption must be transported wrapped in sealed parcels from the dispatch centre until offered for sale to the consumer or retailer.

2. The means of transport used for consignments of live shellfish must have the following characteristics—

- (a) their interior walls and any other parts which might come into contact with the live shellfish must be made of corrosion-resistant materials, and the walls must be smooth and easy to clean;
- (b) they must be suitably equipped to provide efficient protection of the live shellfish against extremes of heat and cold, contamination with dirt or dust, and damage to the shells from vibration and abrasion;
- (c) the live shellfish must not be transported with other products which might contaminate them.

3. Live shellfish must be transported and distributed using closed vehicles or containers which maintain the product at a temperature which does not adversely affect quality and viability.

4. The parcels containing live shellfish must not be transported in direct contact with the floor of the vehicle or container but must be supported on raised surfaces or by some other means which prevents such contact.

5. Where ice is used in transporting consignments of live shellfish, it must have been made from potable water or clean seawater.