

Swordfish Certificate of Eligibility

Date: _____

I, _____ (a government official or authorized person), for the Government of _____, certify that the shipment of swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) accompanied by this certificate, consisting of _____ (total weight in kg) in _____ (number and kind of packages) containers bearing the following marks and numbers (e.g., Box 3 of 5): _____.

(a) Contains no swordfish harvested from the Atlantic Ocean.

(b) Contains no swordfish or pieces of swordfish harvested from the Atlantic Ocean that are less than 33 lb (15 kg).

(c) Contains pieces of swordfish harvested from the Atlantic Ocean that are less than 33 lb (15 kg) that were derived from a swordfish that weighed greater than 33 lb (15 kg) dressed weight.

I further certify that such swordfish were caught in the waters of the _____ (Atlantic, Pacific, Indian) Ocean by a vessel bearing the flag of _____ (nation).

Signature of government official or authorized person _____
SEAL/STAMP below Title/Agency _____

Address _____

Form 7501 Entry Number (to be added by importer) _____

Importer: Please submit this form to NMFS with the appropriate bi-weekly dealer report form that documents this swordfish shipment.

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