

## General Shellfish Labeling Requirements for Shucker-Packer Companies

### Shucked Shellfish

Containers of shucked shellfish must show the name and certification number of the packer and an open-coded SELL BY DATE (month/day/year).

Containers having a capacity of 64 ounces or greater shall have the **date shucked on the lid and sidewall or bottom** unless the container is of a type that is destroyed by opening.

Frozen shellfish must be labeled as **frozen** and the container must show the year and date shucked.

Repackers must use the original date of shucking when establishing the SELL BY DATE.

Bulk shipments of shucked shellfish shall be accompanied by a transaction record with the shucker's name, certification number, date shucked, quantity per container, and total number of containers.

If a processor is packing shellfish for distribution by another company, the label must show words to the effect of "Packed for COMPANY NAME by YOUR COMPANY NAME AND CERTIFICATION NUMBER."

Foreign product that is repacked must show the country of origin.

Stick-on labels and rubber stamps are approved, providing they are durable, waterproof, and legible.

Other labeling requirements are in [Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 21, Part 101](#) and the [National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance](#).

### Shellstock Container Label

If a dealer distributes shellstock in boxes the following label requirements must be met:

- Each box has individual containers (i.e. small individual bags) of shellstock within the box, each individual container will have a shellstock tag affixed or placed within the bag.
- If the box is loose packed with shellstock, a shellstock tag will be placed within each box.
- The outside of the box must also be labeled properly with the identification of the company, certification number, harvest date, growing area, species and quantity. The box label will also have "Keep Refrigerated" on the label.

**No commingling of shellstock lots is allowed.**

For further information, please call (360) 236-3330