

(b) All tuna vessels or vessels carrying tuna, and registered by any of the above countries, and their catch, gear and records are subject to inspection under this subpart when landing or transshipping tuna or when making a port call in the United States.

(c) A vessel entering a port of the above countries because of *force majeure* shall be exempt from inspection by an authorized officer.

§ 285.103 Reports.

(a) Inspections must be reported on a standardized Commission form and signed by the authorized officer. The master is entitled to add or have added to the report, any observation which the master thinks suitable. If the master adds information to the report, he also must sign the report. The authorized officer will note in the vessel's log that the inspection has been made. A copy of the report will be given to the vessel master and a copy sent to the authorized officer's national authority.

(b) The master must allow the authorized officer to examine any portion of the catch and gear and provide any relevant documents as the authorized officer deems necessary to verify compliance with these regulations.

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Subpart F—Bluefin Tuna Statistical Documentation

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§ 285.200 Species subject to documentation requirements.

Imports into the United States and exports or re-exports from the United States of all bluefin tuna or bluefin tuna products regardless of ocean area of catch are subject to the documentation requirements of this subpart.

(a) Documentation is required for bluefin tuna identified by the following item numbers from the Harmonized Tariff Schedule:

(1) Fresh or chilled bluefin tuna, excluding fillets and other fish meat, No. 0302.39.00.20.

(2) Frozen bluefin tuna, excluding fillets, No. 0303.49.00.20.

(b) In addition, bluefin tuna products in other forms (e.g., chunks, fillets, canned) listed under any other item numbers from the Harmonized Tariff Schedule are subject to the documentation requirements of this subpart, except that fish parts other than meat (i.e., heads, eyes, roe, guts, tails) may be allowed entry without said statistical documentation.

§ 285.201 Documentation requirements.

(a) *Bluefin imports.* (1) Imports of all bluefin tuna products into the United States must be accompanied at the time of entry by an original completed approved Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document with the information and exporter's certification specified in § 285.202(a)(1) through (7). Such information must be validated as specified in § 285.202(a)(8) by a responsible government official of the country whose flag vessel caught the tuna (regardless of where the fish are first landed), unless the Assistant Administrator has waived validation requirements for the country pursuant to § 285.203.

(2) Bluefin tuna imported into the United States from a country requiring a tag on all such tuna available for sale must be accompanied by the appropriate tag issued by that country, and said tag must remain on any tuna until it reaches its final import destination. If the final import destination is the United States, the tag must remain on the tuna until it is cut into portions. If the tuna portions are subsequently packaged for domestic commercial use or export, the tag number and the issuing country must be written legibly and indelibly on the outside of the package.

(3) Dealers selling bluefin tuna that was previously imported into the United States for domestic commercial use must provide on the original Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document that accompanied the import shipment the correct information and importer's certification specified in § 285.202(a)(9). The original of the completed Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document must be postmarked and mailed by said dealer to the Regional Director within 24 hours of the time the tuna was imported into the United States.