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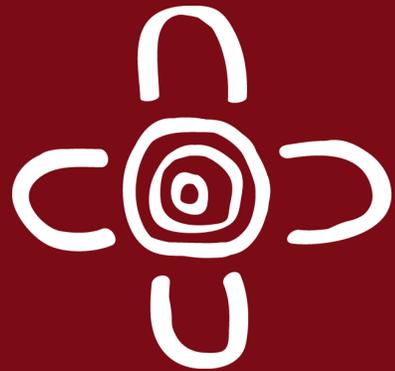
International Frozen Seafood Update (RLMO)

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Frozen Seafood

- Singapore's Weights and Measures Office presented findings at the 30th APLMF meeting highlighting a concern with short weight glazed frozen seafood.
- At the 31st APLMF meeting held in Chinese Taipei in November 2024, the National Measurement Institute Australia (NMIA) presented information on the proposed frozen seafood compliance program in order to gain interest from APLMF member economies.
- Singapore's Weights and Measures Office & Australia with the support of APLMF decided to proceed with the program and we are gaining interest in participation from APLMF member economies.
- The APLMF International frozen seafood program, for the first time, will focus on prepackaged glazed seafood products. By working together, member economies of the APLMF aim to gain deeper insights into the seafood industry and improve compliance and confidence in the international trade of frozen seafood products.
- The pilot audit program will run between April and July 2025.

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Progress to date:

- 8 economies have confirmed they will participate in the program including Australia, Singapore, Brunei, Canada, Kiribati, Samoa, Lao PDR and New Zealand. An additional 4 economies, Thailand, Vietnam, South Korea, and the Philippines have given their in-principal support for the program.
- Participating APLMF member economies will deliver the program over a 3-month period, between 1 April to 30 June 2025.
- Instruction videos and step by step guides are being developed to support member economies to deliver the program. The videos detail the following test procedures:
 - OIML R87:2016 E Annex D.4 – Glazed seafood and glazed poultry
 - OIML R87:2016 E Annex D.5 – Frozen shrimp and crabmeat
 - NITP Sampling & Test Procedures for Prepackaged Products – Frozen fish
- A standard template will be used to collect seafood program results from member economies. This data will be collated at the end of the program and presented at the 32nd APLMF meeting in November 2025.

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