



Proposal for Task Force Consideration at the ISSC 2015 Biennial Meeting		<input type="checkbox"/> Growing Area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harvesting/Handling/Distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative
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Proposal Subject	Dealer Tagging	
Specific NSSP Guide Reference	Section II. Model Ordinance Chapter X. General Requirements for Dealers	
Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	05. Shellstock Identification A. General (1) The dealer shall keep the harvester's tag affixed to each container of shellstock until the container is: (a) Shipped <u>with his/her dealer tag affixed to each container of shellstock</u> ; or (b) Emptied to wash, grade, or pack the shellstock. (2) When the dealer is also the harvester and he elects not use a harvester tag, the dealer shall affix his dealer tag to each container of shellstock prior to shipment.	
Public Health Significance	<p>As written, there is no requirement for a dealer to affix his/her dealer tag to each container of shellstock prior to shipment. The language for affixing tags to each container is currently for harvesters who are also dealers.</p> <p>The NSSP requires that the product be identified with certain information showing that the shellfish were harvested by licensed diggers and shipped and processed by certified dealers. This information assists in tracing the product back through the distribution system to the growing area in the event the shellfish are associated with a disease outbreak. Additionally, the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act requires that food labels provide an accurate statement which includes the name and address of either the manufacturer, packer, or distributor; the net amount of food in the package; the common or usual name of the food; and the ingredients, unless the product conforms to standard of identity requirements. Foods shipped in interstate commerce having labels that do not meet these requirements are deemed misbranded and in violation of Section 405 of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.</p>	
Cost Information	Dealers are already adding tags; no additional cost.	