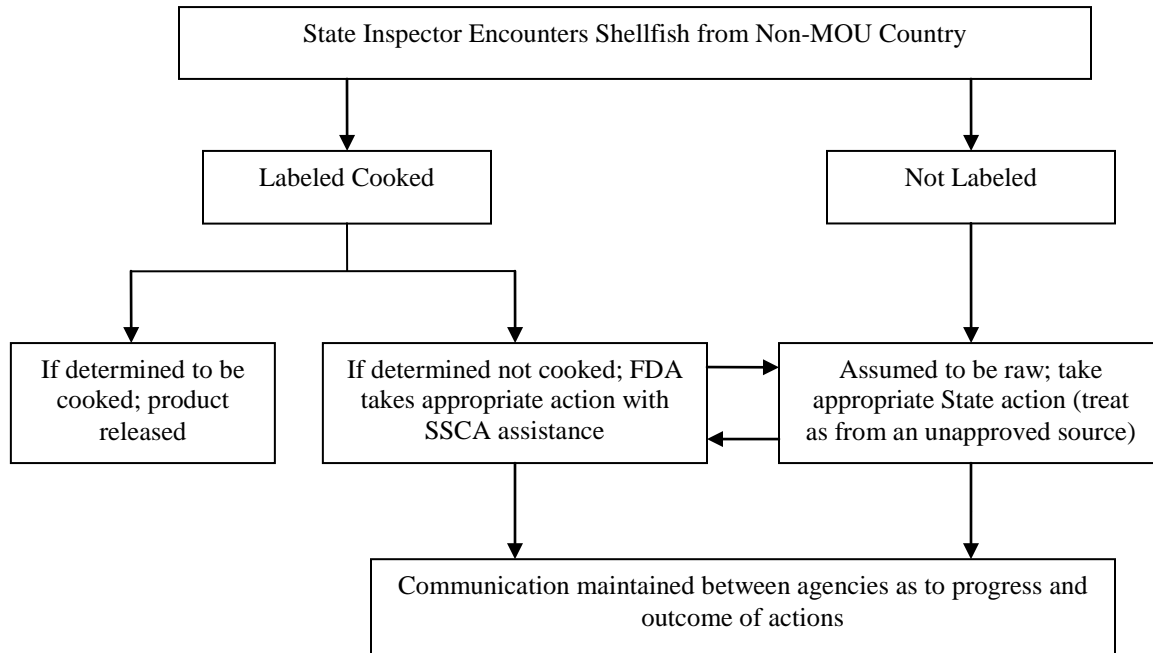


Section IV. Guidance Documents

Chapter II. Growing Areas

.15 Decision Tree - Shellfish from Non-MOU Countries



Description: Flow chart showing the steps that a state inspector should follow when he or she encounters shellfish from a non-MOU country.

If the product is labeled cooked and determined to be cooked, the product should be released.

If the product is labeled cooked, but is determined to be uncooked, FDA will take action with assistance from the State Shellfish Control Authority. Communication shall be maintained between agencies as to the progress and outcome of actions.

If the product is not labeled, it is assumed to be raw and shall be treated as if it is from an unapproved source. FDA will take action with assistance from the State Shellfish Control Authority (SSCA). Communication shall be maintained between FDA and the SSCA regarding the progress and outcome of actions.