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FOREWORD

This standard was finalized by the Sectoral Committee on Fish and Fishery Products and was authorized for adoption and publication as a Sri Lanka Standard by the Council of the Sri Lanka Standards Institution on 1992-12-17.

Sri Lanka is exporting a considerable amount of frozen lobsters and prawns. Processing of quick frozen lobsters and prawns are covered in a separate code of practice which prescribes transporting of raw material, handling, processing, freezing and storage in detail. It sets out all the steps that are essential to be taken to maintain a safe high quality product from the time of catching until the product reaches the consumers.

This code establishes the existing packaging system and standardizes the packaging material and methods. It is intended to provide useful guidelines for the lobster and prawn industry which is geared towards the export market. In addition to the packaging system recommended, the vacuum packing also may be used.

Recommended specifications for the packaging materials are given in Appendices A to D.

During the formulation of this code due consideration has been given to the relevant provisions made under the Sri Lanka Food Act No. 26 of 1980 and the regulations framed thereunder.

In the preparation of this code valuable assistance derived from the following publication is gratefully acknowledged :

1) The Export Packaging Note No. 21 - Guidelines for the Export Packaging of Frozen Shrimps, Indian Institute of Packaging.

1 SCOPE

1.1 This code recommends practices to be adopted in packaging of frozen lobsters and prawns for export.

1.2 It covers the materials, styles and modes of packaging.

2 REFERENCES

- ISO 2470 Measurement of diffuse blue reflectance factor (ISO brightness).
- ISO 3781 Tensile strength and percentage elongation.
- ISO 6427 Determination of matter extractable by organic solvents.
- SLS 208 Processing of quick frozen lobsters and prawns.
- SLS 338 Determination of substances of paper and paperboard.