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A Department of Fisheries memorandum of July 23, 2026 lists the documents to file with an application for a Sanitary Import Permit for fish and fishery products.

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The first document is a list of products in Excel sheet format. For each product it should give the name, HS code, brand or trade name, each animal-origin ingredient with its percentage by weight or formulation, and the animal species of the raw material with its scientific and common name, plus package size, number of packages and total weight. The second is detailed product literature or a catalogue, owned by the producer, processing unit or manufacturing unit, not the consignor where they differ. It should show the product name, composition, intended use, manufacturing process, source of raw material (wild caught or farmed/aquaculture), storage conditions and shelf life. With it goes a copy of the establishment's valid approval or registration certificate from the Competent Authority of the exporting country, with an English translation if applicable. The third is a process flow chart, also owned by the manufacturing unit or producer, including Critical Control Points (CCPs) wherever applicable.

The fourth is a chemical and microbiological data sheet with a Certificate of Analysis (CoA). The CoA must give actual test results against the parameters of India's domestic regulation. It must come from a lab owned by a manufacturing unit, a certified lab of the exporting country or an NABL lab, and it must be the latest available CoA for the product. The name and details in the test report should match the product and manufacturer details in the Veterinary Health Certificate the exporting country is to issue with the consignment. The fifth is an undertaking of end use on the importer's letterhead, with a fresh date and signature. The sixth is a utilization certificate of previous SIPs, in a set format, with a copy of the Bill of Entry (BoE) for every utilized SIP.

The seventh is an importer or exporter declaration. It states that the product is imported as per Indian requirements, including the Veterinary Health protocols and other requirements related to product safety and processing. For animal or human food chain products, it states that the product contains no beef or beef product in any form and no ingredients from wild animal species. For those products, it also states that the raw materials come from aquatic species and other domestic animal species such as sheep, goat, pig, bovine (only milk, not beef) and poultry. The eighth is any other documents: an affidavit, valid HACCP certification, FSSAI documents, a proforma invoice, a catch certificate, an updated IEC (Importer-Exporter Code) certificate, a

country of origin certificate, "CAA Antibiotic-free input compliance (where applicable)" and any other documents, if applicable.

For first-time imports, any product containing probiotics, fish-derived fertilizers, fish hydrolysates, or other novel or high-risk biological products intended for aquaculture use shall be referred to the Department of Fisheries for technical examination and consideration. This comes before the SIP application is submitted on the National Single Window System (NSWS) portal. The memorandum does not say how such a referral is made or how long it takes, and it does not define a novel or high-risk product. It sets no date from which it applies and says nothing about applications already filed. It does not name the Indian regulation behind the CoA parameters, and it does not spell out "CAA".

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Document	Office Memorandum No. 35028/4/2017-Fy (Trade) (E-14856)
Dated	July 23, 2026
Subject	Clarification regarding the documents required for examination of applications for issuance of Sanitary Import Permit (SIP) for import of Fish and Fishery Products into India
Applies to	Applicants filing the online application for an SIP to import fish and fishery products; addressed to all stakeholders
Takes effect	No date stated
Documents listed	Eight numbered items, from the list of products to any other documents
Labs for the Certificate of Analysis	A lab owned by a manufacturing unit, a certified lab of the exporting country, or an NABL lab
Referred before an SIP application	First-time imports of products containing probiotics, fish-derived fertilizers, fish hydrolysates, or other novel or high-risk biological products intended for aquaculture use
Where the SIP is filed	The National Single Window System (NSWS) portal
Posted	On the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying's website, August 7, 2026, as "SOP for SIP permit for import of fish and fishery products into India"
Signed by	Dr. Nilesh Anil Pawar, Deputy Director, Aquatic Quarantine

Documents for an SIP application for fish and fishery products

No.	Document	What it must show
1	List of Products (in Excel sheet format)	Name of the product, HS code, brand name or trade name, name of all animal-origin ingredients and their percentage (%) by weight or formulation, animal species of the raw material with the scientific and common name, package size, number of packages and total weight
2	Detailed literature of Product / Product catalogue, with the establishment's approval or registration certificate	Documents owned by the producer, processing unit or manufacturing unit, not the consignor if the two differ: product name, composition or ingredients, intended use, manufacturing process, source of raw material (wild caught or farmed/aquaculture), storage conditions and shelf life. A copy of the valid approval or registration certificate of the manufacturing or processing establishment, issued by the Competent Authority of the exporting country (an authority under Government, such as a Veterinary, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Agriculture or Food safety Department), with an English translation if applicable, showing its name, location, registration number and issuing authority
3	Process Chart of Products	A process flow chart owned by the manufacturing unit or producer, not the consignor if the two differ, including Critical Control Points (CCPs) wherever applicable
4	Detailed Chemical and Microbiological data sheet including Certificate of Analysis (CoA)	Actual test results against the parameters of India's domestic regulation; the product's trade name or brand name (where applicable) or scientific name; issued by a lab owned by a manufacturing unit, a certified lab of the exporting country or an NABL lab; the latest available CoA for the product to be imported; name and details matching the product and manufacturer details in the Veterinary Health Certificate the exporting country is to issue with the consignment
5	Detail use of end products	An undertaking of end use on the importer's letterhead, with a fresh date and signature
6	Utilization Certificate of previous SIPs	Name of importer; application and permit number of the previous SIP with date; importing country; name of the products; quantity permitted, imported and consumed; balance quantity; date of import; bills of entry; remarks, if any. A copy of the Bill of Entry (BoE) for every utilized SIP
7	Importer/exporter declaration	Imported as per Indian requirements, including the Veterinary Health protocols and other requirements related to product safety and processing. For animal or human food chain products: no beef or beef product in any form; no ingredients from wild animal species; raw materials from aquatic species and other domestic animal species such as sheep, goat, pig, bovine (only milk, not beef) and poultry. Where approved under wild life norms or CITES, this to be mentioned for products not entering the food chain. Where raw material comes from different countries, certificates from the exporter and importer that it meets the Indian Veterinary Health protocols

8	Any other documents	Affidavit; valid HACCP certification issued by the competent authority; FSSAI documents; proforma invoice; catch certificate; updated IEC (Importer-Exporter Code) certificate; country of origin certificate; CAA Antibiotic-free input compliance (where applicable); any other documents, if applicable

The office memorandum (PDF, 1.1 MB)

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