

Conditions for the import of live crab / lobster for consumption

1. The live crabs / lobster should be imported in a **dry state** and should be delivered to hotels or restaurants by latest on the next day of arrival.
2. The importer shall have to produce an accounting statement of receipt by the hotels or restaurants.
3. The import permit is issued per consignment against payment of a fee of Rs 2,000 and is valid for a period of two months as from the date of issue.
4. The importer shall inform this Ministry at least **three days** in advance of the carrier, flight number, date and time of arrival of the consignment to enable arrangements for clearance at the airport.
5. Each consignment have to be accompanied by the original official **Health Certificate** duly signed by an Authorized Officer of the country of origin certifying that the animals are free of diseases and parasites of human or animal origin.
6. Live crab/lobster shall be exported by an establishment approved for export by the Competent Authority of the country of origin (Approved number of establishment to be mentioned).
7. The live crabs/lobster shall be dispatched free from soil, mud and plant material.
8. The competent authority shall certify that the live crabs/lobster have been caught from a disease free area.
9. The live crab/lobster shall be handled under hygienic and sanitary conditions and packed in sterile packaging / containers prior to shipment.
10. The date and number of the import permit, the name of the importer, the vessel/carrier transporting the consignment, the scientific name and common name of the specimen, the number of packages and the quantity shipped must be stated on the Health Certificate.
11. The animals shall under no circumstances be released into the environment.
12. If any of the above conditions are not complied with, the consignment may be destroyed without any compensation.
13. This import permit does not exempt any clearance needed from other authorities.
14. The above conditions may be modified or new conditions added at any time should such a need arise.