

**Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries**

**PRIMARY PROCESSING LICENCES  
SECONDARY PROCESSING CERTIFICATES  
FISH BUYING LICENCES**

**Application Forms and General Information**

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## **Read**

Please read all the instructions and information on this page.

To contact the Leasing & Licensing Branch Services and for all additional information go to page 10 or the website [www.gnb.ca/fisheries](http://www.gnb.ca/fisheries) by clicking the icon "Seafood Processing Licensing & Certificates"

## **Complete**

Please complete the Application Form(s) pages that apply:

Primary Processing: Pages 2, 3, 4 & 5

Secondary Processing: Page 2, 3 & 6

Licence Amendments: Page 7 & 8

Purchasing / Leasing an Existing

Processing Plant: Page 2, 3 & 5

Fish Buying Licence: Page 9

## **Application & Licence Fees**

A non-refundable application fee of \$100 is required before any Primary Processing application is filed.

Fees for the issuance a

Class 1 licence or

Class 1 provisional licence is \$4,500.

Class 2 licence or

Class 2 provisional licence is \$2,500.

Class 3 licence or

Class 3 provisional licence

\$500 flat rate plus a per species fee of

\$300 for each other species.

Fee for the issuance of a Secondary Processing Certificate is \$100.

Fee for the issuance of a Fish Buying

Licence is \$100.

## **Application Process**

All applications shall be filed with the Leasing and Licensing Coordinator in the region nearest you.

Unsigned or incomplete applications shall be returned. Additional information may be requested.

In the case of primary processing licences, the Registrar will advise of his decision in writing. If the application is approved a letter of intent to licence will specify licensing requirements.

## **Licence Amendment**

Fee for the amendment of a licence is \$100.

The following three types of amendments are:

- 1) Expansion of the existing processing capacity where hard cure smoked herring is processed.
- 2) Amendment to add species (Class 3 only)
- 3) Amendment to remove species (Class 3 only)

## **Fish Buying Licence**

Anyone purchasing fish from fishers on a wharf must carry a fish buying licence.

Licence holders may purchase all species of fish.

All fish buying licence holders must ensure that at least one individual per buying station on the wharf has completed the Mandatory Training Program and that individual must carry a photo identification card.

Terms and Conditions of the licence are subject to verification by a compliance officer.

Additional Information on Terms and Conditions and to register for the Mandatory Training Program may be found on the website at [www.gnb.ca/fisheries](http://www.gnb.ca/fisheries) by clicking the icon "Seafood Processing Licensing & Certificates".

## **Submit Fees**

Payment may be submitted or mailed to your regional Leasing and Licensing Coordinator either by cheque/money order made payable to the Minister of Finance or by credit/debit card.

## **Expiry and Renewal**

Licences and certificates expire on March 31 of each year and will require annual renewal.

## **Record Keeping and Reporting**

A licence holder shall keep complete and accurate records for a period of 5 years.

Examples of all records may be found on the website [www.gnb.ca/fisheries](http://www.gnb.ca/fisheries) by clicking the icon "Seafood Processing Licensing & Certificates".

## **Submit**

Completed Application Forms and Fees may be submitted to the Leasing and Licensing Coordinator in the region nearest you (see contact on page 10).

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

*Applications from a corporation require the signature  
a director or officer authorized by the company*

### Business Information

Name to appear on Licence

Mailing Address

Telephone Number(s)

Fax Number

Website Address

### Authorized Contact Information

Name

Title

Telephone Number(s)

E-mail Address

### Type of Business Entity

Check one:

Sole Proprietorship     Partnership     Corporation     Co-operative

### Business Registration

SNB (Service New Brunswick) Corporate Registry Number

If extra-provincial, specify jurisdiction

### *For internal use only :*

Licence Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque / Money Order #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Registry Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Land Registry Status:     Owned     Leased

Lease Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

Processed by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Information Regarding Processing Facility**

**FACILITY INFORMATION**

New Facility Construction  Existing Facility, if yes, specify SP Licence No. \_\_\_\_\_

Civic address of seafood processing facility and PID# (parcel identification description):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Civic address where the seafood processing records will be kept:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Ownership of the facility (*check one of the following*)  Own  Lease

**Note:** If leasehold interest is not registered in the Service New Brunswick (SNB) Land Registry/Land Titles system, please attach a copy. Unregistered leases must meet the *Standard Forms of Conveyancing Act* requirements.

**Purchase of an existing facility:** If purchasing an existing facility please attach a copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement and indicate the closing date (you may redact the purchase price details).

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**PRIMARY PROCESSING LICENCE APPLICATION**

**Classes of Primary Processing Plant Licence**

There are 3 classes of Primary Processing Plant Licences which vary depending on the species permitted to be processed and the level of third party food quality certification or audit program standards required.

Prior to obtaining one of the 3 Primary Processing Plant Licences a Provisional Processing Plant Licence is issued for up to 12 months from receipt of the application. This 12 month period provides the operator to obtain the required third party food quality certification or audit program required as determined by the Class of Licence being obtained. Also, a Food Safety Audit Process Plan is required for submission to identify where you are in the audit process.

**Class 1**

A Class 1 Licence allows for the processing of all species, including the 5 prescribed species which are: American lobster, Snow crab, Herring, Northern shrimp and Atlantic salmon. To qualify for a Class 1 Licence the applicant must obtain the following:

- A certificate of registration issued by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
- A certification to a Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) recognized scheme which can be found at: <http://www.mygfsi.com/schemes-certification/recognised-schemes.html>
- A few examples of GFSI schemes are:

- British Retail Consortium Food Standards (BRC)
- Food Safety System Certification 22000 (FSSC)
- Safe Quality Food (SQF)

## Classes of Primary Processing Plant Licence (con't)

### Class 2

A Class 2 Licence allows for the processing of all species except for the 5 prescribed species which are: American lobster, Snow crab, Herring, Northern shrimp and Atlantic salmon. To qualify for a Class 2 Licence the applicant must obtain the following:

- A certificate of registration issued by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
- A certification to a Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) recognized scheme which can be found at: <http://www.mygfsi.com/schemes-certification/recognised-schemes.html>
- A few examples of GFSI schemes are:

British Retail Consortium Food Standards (BRC)  
Food Safety System Certification 22000 (FSSC)  
Safe Quality Food (SQF)

**Or** a certificate of completion of a certified Food Safety Audit Program from either:  
Silliker  
NSF Supplier Assurance Audit  
NSF Food Safety and Quality Systems Audit Program

### Class 3

The Class 3 license authorizes the processing of all species listed on the license, with the exception of the 5 prescribed species: American lobster, Snow crab, Herring, Northern shrimp and Atlantic salmon. The applicant must indicate all the species they wish to process on the application. The applicant must also obtain the following documents:

- A certificate of registration issued by Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
- A certification to a Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) recognized scheme which can be found at: <http://www.mygfsi.com/schemes-certification/recognised-schemes.html>
- A few examples of GFSI schemes are:

British Retail Consortium Food Standards (BRC)  
Food Safety System Certification 22000 (FSSC)  
Safe Quality Food (SQF)

**Or** a certificate of completion of a certified Food Safety Audit Program from either:  
Silliker  
NSF Supplier Assurance Audit  
NSF Food Safety and Quality Systems Audit Program

**Please indicate the Class of Licence you are applying for**

Class 1 Provisional     Class 2 Provisional     Class 3 Provisional

Please specify the name of the GFSI Certification Scheme or Food Safety Audit Program you plan to pursue:

\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the specific species you are planning to process:

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe in what form the product will be received prior to processing in the Processing Plant:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe what method of processing will be performed:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Purchasing or Leasing an Existing Plant**

In 2014 the Seafood Processing Act was revised. As part of the transition, grandfathering provisions were made allowing the Registrar to issue a Class 2 or Class 3 licence to the holder of an existing primary processing plant licence even if the holder did not have the certification referred to in paragraph 16.3 (1)(b) or 16.6(1)(b), as the case may be in the Regulations. Each licence also allows for the processing of all species of fish prescribed by regulation along with any of the 5 prescribed species that was specified on the holder's primary processing plant licence on September 30, 2013. As well, when a primary processing plant licence is sold or leased for the first time after the commencement of the revised regulations the new owner or lessee may continue to maintain the grandfathered provisions.

If purchasing or leasing a Primary or Secondary processing facility, please check the licence type below:

Class 1     Class 2     Class 3     Secondary

**For primary licence only** - Please specify the name of the GFSI Certification Scheme or Food Safety Audit Program you presently have or plan to pursue:

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**For Class 3 licence only:** Indicate the specific species you are applying for:

\_\_\_\_\_

***The undersigned hereby confirms the information contained in this application is correct to the best of his/her knowledge, agrees to abide by the Acts and Regulations governing the Licence, and authorizes the Department to verify with the appropriate sources the information supplied as part of this application. If the licence is held by a corporation, we require the signature of an authorized signing officer or director.***

Signing Officer's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signing Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed (Day/Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

## Secondary Processing Registration Certificate Application

### Secondary Processing Registration Certificate

Any processing plant that is processing fish beyond the primary processing stage must obtain a secondary processing plant registration certificate. Fish must be purchased, already processed, from a licensed primary processing plant or other Canadian Food Inspection Agency registered source.

Business Information	
Name to appear on Licence	
Mailing Address	
Civic Address (if different from above) and PID (parcel identification description)	
Telephone Numbers(s)	Fax Number(s)
Website Address	
Authorized Contact Information	
Name	Title
Telephone Number(s)	
E-mail Address	

Please indicate the specific species you are planning to process:

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe in what form the product will be received prior to processing in the Processing Plant:

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe what method of processing will be performed:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Signing Officer's Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signing Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed (Day/Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION FOR LICENCE AMENDMENTS

<b>Expansion of Existing Processing Area for Hard Cure Smoked Herring Facility</b>
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Section 17(1) of the *Seafood Processing Act* states:

“17(1) No holder of a licence referred to in this Part who processes hard cure smoked herring in a primary processing plant shall expand the capacity of the plant to process hard cure smoked herring without the written approval of the Registrar.”

Processing capacity is defined as the square footage of the smokehouse where fish are being smoked. The total square footage is noted as a Term and Conditions of the primary processing licence issued by the Registrar.

“17(2) The Registrar may refuse approval under subsection (1) if the Registrar is of the opinion that it is not in the public interest to expand the primary processing plant having regard to

- (a) The supply of herring available, and
- (b) The existing primary processing capacity for hard cure smoked herring.

<b>Applicant Information</b>	
Name on Licence	
Contact Person	
Primary Processing Licence Number:	
Telephone Number(s)	Fax Number(s)

**A.** Please provide the additional square footage being requested specifically for the primary processing of herring through a hard cure smoking process.

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**B.** Please include a plant floorplan identifying existing and proposed expansion including all dimensions.

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Signing Officer's Name (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Signing Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed (*Day/Month/Year*): \_\_\_\_\_



**LICENCE AMENDMENT (con't)**

**Species Amendment**

An application fee for the amendment of a Class 3 primary processing licence under Section 17.2 of the *Seafood Processing Act* is \$100.

A fee of \$300 is applicable for each additional species of fish you wish to add to your Primary Plant Processing Class 3 Licence. The following 5 prescribed species; American lobster, Snow crab, Herring, Northern shrimp and Atlantic salmon are not permitted on a Class 3 licence.

<b>Applicant Information</b>	
Name on Licence	
Contact Person	
Your Primary Processing Licence Number:	
Telephone Number(s)	Fax Number(s)

**Additional Species on Licence**

Please specify the additional species you wish to process.

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Describe in what form the product will be received prior to processing in the Processing Plant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe what method of processing will be performed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Removal of Species on Licence**

Please specify the species you wish to remove.

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Signing Officer's Name (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Signing Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed (*Day/Month/Year*): \_\_\_\_\_

## FISH BUYING LICENCE APPLICATION

<b>Information Regarding Buying Activity</b>
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Anyone purchasing fish directly from a fisher on a wharf shall carry a Fish Buying Licence.

A Fish Buying Licence allows the licensee to purchase all species of fish. The following are exempt from requiring a Fish Buying Licence:

- A person who purchases less than 50 kg of fish per day for personal consumption;
- A not-for-profit organization that purchases fish on an occasional basis for raising funds or for a special event.

<b>Applicant Information</b>	
Name to appear on Licence	
Mailing Address	
Telephone Number(s)	Fax Number(s)
E-mail Address	Website Address
Are you a new Applicant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
If a Fish Buyers Licence was previously held please provide number: _____	

All fish buying licence holders must ensure that at least one individual per buying station on the wharf has completed the Mandatory Training Program and that individual must carry a photo identification card.

For additional information, please refer to the website at [www.gnb.ca/fisheries](http://www.gnb.ca/fisheries) by clicking the icon "Seafood Processing Licensing & Certificates".

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Signing Officer's Name (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Signing Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed (*Day/Month/Year*): \_\_\_\_\_

## LEASING AND LICENSING BRANCH SERVICES

### Regional Offices and Locations of the Leasing and Licensing Coordinators

<u>Bouctouche</u>	<u>Caraquet</u>	<u>St-George</u>
<p><b>Martin LeBlanc</b> 26 Acadie Street Bouctouche, NB E4S 2T2 (506) 743-7222 📞 (506) 743-7229 📠 <a href="mailto:Martin.LeBlanc3@gnb.ca">Martin.LeBlanc3@gnb.ca</a> ✉</p>	<p><b>Colette Léger</b> 22 St-Pierre East Boulevard Caraquet, NB E1W 1B6 (506) 726-2400 📞 (506) 726-2419 📠 <a href="mailto:Colette.Leger@gnb.ca">Colette.Leger@gnb.ca</a> ✉</p>	<p><b>Gail Smith</b> 107 Mount Pleasant Road St. George, NB E5X 3K5 (506) 755-4000 📞 (506) 755-4001 📠 <a href="mailto:Gail.Smith@gnb.ca">Gail.Smith@gnb.ca</a> ✉</p>

**Web site:**

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