

Application for Certificate of Inspection
Virginia Department of Health Division of Shellfish Sanitation

The undersigned hereby applies for a Certificate of Inspection to operate a business for the handling, processing and packing of shellfish (as shellfish are defined by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program) for market under the name of: _____

Mailing address: _____

Physical location: _____

If such certificate is granted, the undersigned agrees to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the applicable statutes of the *Code of Virginia* for the *Sanitary Control of the Growing, Harvesting, Transporting, Processing, Packing and Shipping of Oysters, Clams and Other Shellfish* and with the VDH standards *The Federal Seafood HACCP Regulation, CFR 21, Part 123*. The undersigned further agrees to sell or offer for sale only such shellfish that have been obtained from areas which are considered approved [Section 28.2-808, paragraph (3), *Code of Virginia*], or approved by a control agency in another state; or from disapproved areas only after having been conditioned in accordance with the provisions of a special permit [issued under Section 28.2-811, *Code of Virginia*].

It is understood by the applicant that the State Health Commissioner, or his authorized representative, may in his discretion revoke any certificate granted in accordance with this application for any one or more of the following causes:

1. For having in applicant's possession or control, whether in his establishment or other place of business, or for handling, shucking, packing, repacking, selling, offering for sale or allowing to be packed under applicant's certificate any shellfish taken from areas designated as restricted or condemned by the Virginia State Department of Health, or a control agency in another state, unless such shellfish shall have been relayed in clean waters for the period of time required by the Virginia Department of Health pursuant to duly issued permit.
2. For having in applicant's possession or control, whether in applicant's establishment or other place of business, or for handling, shucking, packing, repacking, selling or offering for sale, or allowing to be packed under applicant's certificate, any shellfish (shellstock or shucked) received from out-of-state that have NOT been shipped directly to the applicant by a dealer who has been certified in the state of origin under the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. For failure on the part of the applicant or his authorized representative to maintain and operate applicant's shellfish establishment in compliance with the requirements of the current version of the "Model Ordinance", U. S. Department of Health and Human Services entitled "National Shellfish Sanitation Program, Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish." Additional grounds for revocation of the certificate are repeated violations of same item that may cause adulteration of food product and by failure within a specified time period to correct critical deficiencies that may cause adulteration food product.
3. For occurrence in applicant's establishment or other place of business, or in connection with his certified shellfish operations, of in sanitary conditions or practices, not covered under paragraphs numbered 1, 2, or 3 above, which are considered hazardous to the public health.

It is further understood by the applicant that in the event of revocation of a certificate the following conditions regarding certification will prevail:

- a. Application shall be made to the State Health Commissioner upon the form prescribed for regular certification.
- b. Application for recertification will not be considered by the State Health Commissioner within six months from date of revocation of certificate if such revocation be for any of the causes set forth in paragraph numbered 1.
- c. Application for recertification will not be considered by the State Health Commissioner within two months from date of revocation if such revocation be for causes set forth in paragraph numbered 2.
- d. Application for recertification will not be considered by the State Health Commissioner within two weeks from date of revocation of certificate if such revocation be for causes set forth in paragraphs numbered 3 or 4.
- e. If applicant's certificate is revoked more than one time during any certification period for any cause set forth in paragraphs numbered 3 or 4, application for recertification will not be considered by the State Health Commissioner within two months from the date of last revocation.

I attest to the accuracy of the information provided and allow the Division of Shellfish Sanitation access to the plant at any reasonable time to inspect, conduct tests or collect samples as required.

Signature: _____
(Dealer or Authorized Representative)

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

For Official Use

Certificate Number: VA _____

Approved for Permit: _____

Date Signed: _____ Shellfish Specialist: _____