Notice for Direct Shipments to the Ukraine

If your company is sending direct shipments to the Ukraine, please be aware of the following:

Ukraine signed Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) agreement with EU in 2014. One major component of the DCFTA was a legislative "approximation" schedule. According to the agreement, Ukrainian legal framework was harmonized with the EU to significant extent. In 2014 Ukraine recognized food safety system equivalence with the EU and adopted a number of new laws 2014-18.

One result is that the Ukraine introduced a list of approved US seafood processing facilities to ship to Ukraine, which became operational in April of 2018. The list contains facilities that are approved by Ukrainian competent authorities in addition to EU approved facilities. The list of EU approved facilities is maintained by EU authorities and automatically recognized by Ukraine. The Ukrainian list can be found by the link: http://consumer.gov.ua/ContentPages/Reestri/38/

Summary of Market Access Conditions for Seafood Exported from the U.S.

- All fish and seafood products exported from U.S. facilities that were approved by the EU are eligible for export to Ukraine without any restrictions;
- All non-EU approved seafood facilities that shipped to Ukraine during the last five-year period are eligible for export to Ukraine without any restriction, upon petition and consequent introduction to the list of approved facilities (this takes a few weeks). FAS/Kyiv is ready to arrange their listing in the official List of Approved facilities. This is a one-by-one procedure that is initiated and monitored by FAS/Kyiv. FAS will need exporters to provide proof of previous exports (old NOAA export certificates will work).
- FAS/Kyiv contact information: Agkyiv@fas.usda.gov. Also this process can be done by a Ukrainian importer directly.
- All non-EU approved U.S. facilities that have never supplied the Ukraine need to undergo an individual audit by Ukrainian food safety authorities. The individual audit can be initiated by a Ukrainian importer.