



CAMBODIA QUALITY SEAL (CQS) FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARKET ACCESS



CAPFish CAPTURE

Post-harvest Fisheries Development Project





CQS Development Background

WHAT IS CQS?

Cambodia Quality Seal (CQS) for fish and fishery products is a voluntary certification scheme to provide the assurance that hygiene controls applied by fish and fishery operators result in safe food products in line with national regulations and international food safety requirements. The scheme requires fish and fishery establishments to implement minimum hygiene and sanitation requirements.

CQS was approved under the Prakas No. 565 dated September 6, 2016, by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. The Prakas was developed to promote the implementation of good hygiene practices, food safety, and quality management systems as well as to add value to the fish and fishery products in Cambodia.

The scheme serves as a tool for the key actors of fisheries value chains towards building the confidence of consumers, protecting public health, and enhancing market access and export.

CQS is designed as the second-party certification scheme since the scheme owner and certifier are combined in one organization, which is the Department of Fisheries Post-harvest Technologies and Quality Control (DFPTQ) of Fisheries Administration.

SCOPE OF CQS

CQS focuses on the processing of fish and fishery products originating from either inland and marine capture fisheries, or aquaculture farms. The main processed fish products include:



Fish Sauce



Dried fish



Smoked fish



Steamed fish



Fermented fish



Fresh & frozen fish

WHO CAN APPLY FOR CQS?

CQS is designed to improve the safety and quality of fish and fishery products in post-harvest fisheries in Cambodia. CQS covers various types of fish and fishery establishments as the following:



Fish and fishery processing enterprises



Qualified retailers such as supermarkets, marts, and minimarts



Landing and collecting sites



Fishing vessels



Qualified distributors such as wholesalers, traders, and exporters

CLAIMS AND USE OF CQS LOGO



CLAIM 1

“CQS Facility Compliant” to certify the processing enterprise, fishing vessels, landing and collecting sites, retailers, and distributors that meet the minimum requirements of CQS.

TYPE OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Facility)

LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE

Basic

SCOPE

Entry-level and meeting minimum requirements only

ADVANTAGES

- No CQS logo
- Certificate awarded and claimed as “CQS facility compliant”

CLAIM 2

“CQS Product Compliant” to certify the processed fish and fishery products are safe from food safety risks. All upstream actors who are involved in the production and handling of fish and raw materials are certified or qualified as the approved suppliers.

TYPE OF CLAIMS

Claim 2 (Product)

LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE

full

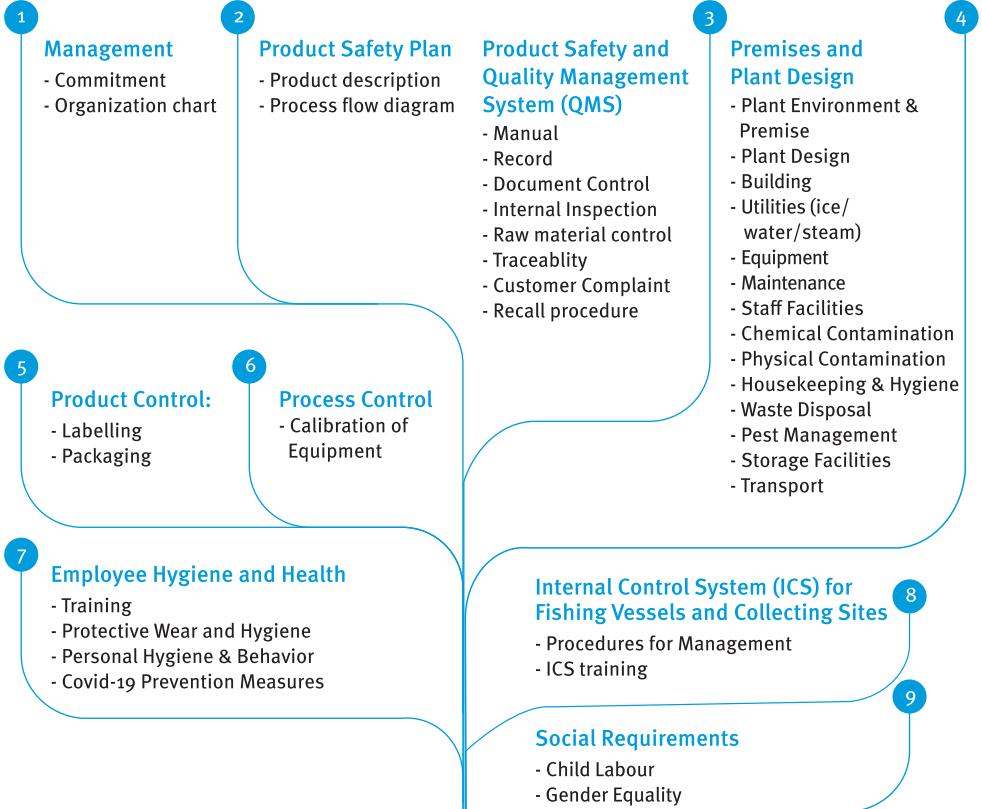
SCOPE

Meeting national and regional food safety requirements, entire supply chain control

ADVANTAGES

- CQS logo awarded
- Certificate issued and claimed as “CQS product compliant”

CQS SCHEME REQUIREMENTS



CQS CERTIFICATION PROCESS



Submit Application >>


**DFPTQ,
Fisheries Administration**

<< Resubmit



Review Application

YES

>> NO >>

For incorrect and incomplete application



Audit Preparation and Planning

YES



Conduct CQS Audit
Document Review and Site Inspection

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Audit Report
Audit findings incl. non-conformities (NCs)

Corrective Action Evidence Review
Document review and site inspection if needed

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Implement Corrective Action (CA)
All NC(s) and inform DFPTQ of its readiness for reviewing

NO

YES

Suspend/No Certificate
(If over 60 days)

Resubmission Corrective Action
(if still within 60 days)

NC closure
Evidence of CA reviewed & satisfied and agreed by DFPTQ

Re-audit

Grant CQS Certificate with/without Logo
(3 Years Valid)

Surveillance Audits
(at Least Once Per Year)

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