



Department of Marine Resources

Bureau of Public Health

Application for Certified Dealer New Buying Station Permit

Scan and email completed applications to: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov

To allow time for processing, please submit applications 30 days prior to the requested date of activity.
If you have questions, please call the DMR Seafood Technology Supervisor at (207) 592-8934.

DATE OF REQUEST: _____

Dealer Name and Certification Number: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City, State, Zip Code)

Business Phone: _____ email: _____

Proposed State Authorized Buying Station Representative(s):

1.) _____
(Name and Address)

Business Phone: _____ email: _____ Date of Birth _____

2.) _____
(Name and Address)

Business Phone: _____ email: _____ Date of Birth _____

HACCP Plan for Buying Station is attached:

Standard Operating Procedure for Buying Station is attached:

Note: Each vehicle to be used as a buying station requires a separate application form.

VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

A recent, clear photograph of each vehicle to be used in the buying station operation must accompany this application; electronic submissions allowed

1. Make _____ Model _____ License Plate No. _____
VIN number _____ DMR Supplemental License Number _____
Mechanical Refrigeration Unit: Make _____ Model _____
Onboard Thermometer Description _____
Owner/Other Information _____
DMR Inspection Decal # _____

I understand that:

A **Buying Station** is a truck that is leased, owned or rented by the certified dealer and which is used to transport shellstock purchased at a location other than the dealer's permanent facility. The truck must be properly constructed, operated and maintained to prevent contamination, deterioration and decomposition of the shellstock in accordance with the Model Ordinance

Any violation of this regulation and/or the terms of a permit or any other shellfish sanitation law may result in the suspension of the permit in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A. § 6371(3). Additional conditions may be added to a permit at the discretion of the Commissioner.

Buying station permit applications will be reviewed and issued based on the applicant's ability to meet the criteria for safe relay operations and the availability of a state-authorized buying station representative.

The vehicle must have the mechanical refrigeration unit and an onboard thermometer operating at all times during the buying station activity and until the vehicle is returned to the permanent facility. The absence of or lack of operational mechanical refrigeration and/or an onboard thermometer as required by this regulation shall be prima facie evidence of violation of these regulations. The absence of temperature control or recording of temperatures shall also be grounds for the immediate embargo and destruction of the shellstock on the vehicle, in that the lack of refrigeration and/or the lack of records to show that the product has not exceeded an ambient air temperature of 45° F (7.2° C) necessarily indicates that the shellstock are of uncertain quality, and therefore, unsafe.

Water used for sanitation of the vehicle must be from an approved water source at the certified dealer's permanent facility pursuant to Chapter 94.

The state authorized buying station representative must maintain a buying station activity log on forms supplied by the Department which includes, but is not limited to, the date and time of purchase, area harvested, names of all harvesters and their current, valid, shellfish harvester's license number, the date and time of harvest, the quantity of shellstock purchased from each harvester and the temperature inside the conveyance at the start and conclusion of each buying location and upon return to the dealer's permanent facility. One copy must go with the vehicle and one copy must be maintained by the buying station permit holder. The records must be kept for 2 years and be available for inspection by Department personnel at all times.

All shellstock purchased at a permitted buying station must be placed into a DMR inspected and approved vehicle and kept under temperature control at all times. Unless otherwise authorized by Marine Patrol, all shellstock harvested must be transported by the certified dealer to the permanent facility for which that holder's certification was issued. All shellstock purchased at the buying station shall only be brought/delivered to the dealer's certified facility pursuant to Chapter 94.06(A) for temperature control and issuance of certified dealer tags before sale and on the same day of the buying activity. If more than one facility is certified by the same company the load must be delivered to the permanent facility with the certification number listed on this application, and must be recorded on the buying station activity log.

The buying station operation shall be effectively supervised by the certified dealer or the state authorized buying station representative listed on this permit to assure adherence to all activities associated with this permit and that all the shellstock are actually delivered to the certified dealer's permanent facility. Controls must be applied to all phases of the operation including purchasing, transportation, record keeping and the security of the shellstock once purchased and until the time it is delivered to the certified dealer's permanent facility.

Lack of supervision and responsibility for the buying station permit, including the non-production of records required to be maintained, shall be grounds for immediate suspension of the permit.

The following activities are prohibited on or in connection with a buying station: washing of shellstock, packing, tagging, distribution to any person or entity other than the certified dealer's facility.

The HACCP plan and HACCP records must be kept with the buying station/vehicle. A copy of the HACCP plan and records that apply to the buying station/vehicle must be separately identified and kept with the buying station/vehicle.

Signed _____ **Date:** _____

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Buying Station Permit Number: _____ **Approved** **Denied**

Expiry Date: _____

Comments/Conditions: _____

Agent of Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner: _____ **Date:** _____

Copies must be provided to: Marine Patrol Division Office, Public Health Bureau Director, Seafood Technologist