

**RULES GOVERNING ACCEPTANCE AND CARRIAGE OF SEAFOOD**

- (A) Perishable shipments loaded into Shipper loaded containers must be tendered to United unsealed. United will seal each container after inspection of the contents. This inspection is to ensure that the commodity is properly packed in compliance with United's requirements.
- (B) The following rules apply to packaging fresh fish (includes salmon, trout, whitefish, haddock, red snapper, mackerel, and smelt). Handling is the same for all varieties.
- Note: All Styrofoam shipping boxes must be protected by an over pack consisting of a sturdy fiberboard container.
- (1) Live lobster may be packaged in "Cloud Pack" or "Arctic Box" brand Styrofoam containers as an alternative to the standard fiberboard.
  - (2) Fish fillets are shipped in wire-tied polyethylene bags inside an outer container. A corrugated board inner liner is not required inside the polyethylene bag.
  - (3) Crabs and fish such as halibut with sharp fins or projections **must** have a corrugated board liner inside the polyethylene bag that covers sides, ends and both top and bottom.
  - (4) Smoked fish individually vacuum-packed in plastic, without brine, is **not** subject to the seafood packaging standards. However, smoked fish shipments **are** subject to the standards whenever brine is present.
  - (5) United will also accept for transport three whole tuna shipping containers (commonly known as "tuna coffins") manufactured by Insulated Bag Corporation of Peabody, MA. The models are identified as the Tuna-600 SuperSorb, Tuna 500-SuperSorb and Tuna-375 SuperSorb. These containers are designed to hold one whole tuna or other species of fish, and have a loading capacity above the weight limits referenced below.
- (C) Acceptance of fresh fish and seafood shipments
- (1) Air waybill must include:
    - a) A 24-hour phone number for Shipper and Consignee.
    - b) Number of pieces and gross weight.
    - c) Description of shipment (i.e., fresh, frozen, live and species of seafood/fish).
    - d) Specific commodity number, if applicable.
    - e) Established account number for credit shipments.
  - (2) Inside packaging minimums:
    - a) One 4-mil (or two 2-mil) polyethylene or plastic liner(s) **must be** used inside each unit.
    - b) All inside bags must be sealed with elastic bands or nylon clips to prevent leakage.
  - (3) Shipping boxes, canisters or carton requirements:
    - a) Gross weight for fresh fish and seafood shipping units must **not** exceed 150 pounds per carton.
    - b) Minimum top loading capability must **not** be less than 500 pounds. This information **must be** printed on the unit.
    - c) Unit **must** be multi-walled to meet compression stress and top loading capability.
    - d) Waxed-impregnated or waterproofed coating **must** exist inside and outside the unit.
    - e) Unit **must** have leak proof construction with gusseted corners (both top and bottom). Top must extend fully over bottom.
    - f) Other leak proof containers must be individually approved by United or IATA.
    - g) Canisters or buckets must be leak proof for liquid contents.
    - h) Unit must be banded with a minimum of two bands around the width of each box or carton.
  - (4) Refrigerants:
    - a) Gel-pack or dry ice are preferred acceptable refrigerants. Wet ice is not acceptable, unless tendered in approved wet ice containers and unless arrangements have been made in advance.
    - b) If dry ice is used, packaging and quantity must conform to IATA Dangerous Goods regulations and United Airlines Ramp Service Regulations.
  - (5) Marking requirements:
    - a) Each box, canister, or carton must be marked on one side with name and phone number of the Shipper and the Consignee's name and address.
    - b) The California Department of Fish and Game requires shipments of fish or seafood to be clearly labeled on the outside with the species and the total weight of each species in the container.
    - c) Precautionary labels or printing should be on all four sides and top, such as:
      - Perishable
      - Rush (Keep Refrigerated)
      - This Side Up