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**TO:** Division of Shellfish Sanitation Staff

**THROUGH:** Eric H. Bartsch, P. E., Director  
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**FROM:** Robert E. Croonenberghs, Ph.D., Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Plants - Policy - Tags

In view of the requirements of the National shellfish Sanitation Program, this working memo is intended to provide the staff and dealers with a guide for what is and what is not an acceptable shellfish identification tag. The NSSP states that the following information, at a minimum, shall be provided on the tag in the exact order stated:

1. The dealer's name, address, and the certification number assigned by the Division;
2. The original shipper's certification number including the state abbreviation;
3. The date of harvesting;
4. The most precise identification of the harvest location as is practicable;
5. Type and quantity of shellfish; and
6. The following statement will appear in bold capitalized type "THIS TAG IS REQUIRED TO BE ATTACHED UNTIL CONTAINER IS EMPTY AND THEREAFTER KEPT ON FILE FOR 90 DAYS."

You will find attached to this memo several examples of acceptable tags. These are meant only to serve as a guide. These examples are by no means the only way in which a tag can be printed. A tag may be printed in any way that provides the information outlined above in the specific order and is the minimal size of 2 5/8" by 5 1/4". As long as the tag meets these requirements it will be approved.

If there are any questions as to whether or not a tag is approvable, a copy can be sent to Central Office. The Central Office will determine whether or not it complies with the NSSP.

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### ABC SEAFOOD CO.

RT. 3, BOX 24  
CHESBAY, VA 12345  
VA 000 SS

Original Shipper (if other than VA 000 SS): \_\_\_\_\_

Harvest Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Harvest Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: Clams:  Littleneck  Topneck  
 Cherrystone  Chowder

Quantity:  100  200  300  400  500  
 600  700  800  900  1000

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CHESBAY, VA 12345  
VA 000 SS

Original Shipper (if other than VA 000 SS): \_\_\_\_\_

Harvest Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Harvest Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

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SHIP TO: \_\_\_\_\_

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CHESBAY, VA 12345  
VA 000 SS

Original Shipper (if other than VA 000 SS): \_\_\_\_\_  
Harvest Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Harvest Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type: Clams:  Littleneck  Topneck  
 Cherrystone  Chowder  
Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_  
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