

9. National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP) means the cooperative state (domestic and foreign)-FDA-industry program to ensure the safety and quality of molluscan shellfish intended for human consumption. Guidelines for ensuring the safety and quality of molluscan shellfish are set forth in the NSSP Model Ordinance.
10. Patrol means the active control of molluscan shellfish harvesting to ensure that only molluscan shellfish from approved areas are harvested, processed, and shipped.
11. Relax means the transfer of shellstock from unapproved areas to approved areas for the purpose of reducing pathogens as measured by the coliform indicator group or poisonous or deleterious substances that may be present in the shellstock by using the ambient environment as the treatment process.
12. Sanitary Survey Report means the written evaluation report of all environmental factors, including actual and potential pollution sources, which have a bearing on the water quality in a molluscan shellfish growing area.
13. Shellstock means live molluscan shellfish in the shell.

ARTICLE III Obligations of the Participants

A. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COFEPRIS

1. COFEPRIS assumes the commitment of overall responsibility for the coordination and implementation of the MSSP.
2. COFEPRIS intends to:
 - a. Maintain legal, administrative, safety, quality, and sanitary controls over molluscan shellfish intended for export to the United States of America by certified Mexican processors.
 - b. Ensure that the MSSP conforms to the NSSP, including, but not limited to:
 - i. classifying molluscan shellfish growing waters;
 - ii. preparing sanitary survey reports and maintaining sanitary survey reports and all related data in the central file;
 - iii. updating sanitary survey reports annually and triennially for the purpose of ensuring the proper classification of each molluscan shellfish growing area;