

SEAFOOD INDUSTRY VICTORIA

FACT SHEET TO INDUSTRY



Seafood Retailer Licence (Vehicle/Boat)

Harvesters of rock lobster are exempt from PrimeSafe licencing if they only harvest or handle live lobster. If they harvest other species (other than abalone) a wild catch licence is required.

If they harvest and conduct retail sale, they only require a **seafood retailer licence**.

A seafood retailer (vehicle/boat) is a business that retails seafood from a vehicle or boat.

Seafood Retailer (Vehicle/Boat) Licence Information

- Any business that handles seafood for human consumption must hold a valid PrimeSafe seafood safety licence ([Seafood Safety Act 2003](#)).
- There are two PrimeSafe food safety licence options. **Only one licence is required**. Either:
 - ❖ Wildcatch licence (no retail sale) allows fishers to harvest and supply to a land-based facility which can sell and process the fish or seafood for sale. A small quantity of Lobsters and other species can be sold to the public while unloading, an example of this would be no advertising, no signage and retailing to a few members of the public that pass by the vessel as the licensee is unloading the catch before delivering to a Primesafe licensed processor: or
 - ❖ Retailer licence, which allows fishers to catch fish and sell it from their vessel.
- A seafood business with multiple VFA licences and/or multiple vessels requires a single Wildcatch licence; however, each vessel that is retailing seafood will require a separate retailer licence.
- Wildcatch licensees may conduct minimal processing on board their vessel to maintain or improve the wholesomeness of the seafood. **Any processing or cooking means a Retailer Licence is required**. Contact PrimeSafe to discuss the activities permitted.

