Buying station means a person or vessel that receives unprocessed fish from a vessel for delivery to a shoreside processing facility or mothership processor vessel and that does not process those fish.

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Processor means any shoreside processing facility or vessel that processes fish, any person who receives fish from fishermen for commercial purposes, any fisherman who transfers fish outside of the United States, and any fisherman who sells fish directly to a restaurant or to an individual for use as bait or personal consumption. Processor does not include a buying station or a restaurant, or a person who receives fish from fishermen for personal consumption or bait.

Round weight or round-weight equivalent means:

(1) For groundfish or halibut—the weight of fish calculated by dividing the weight of the primary product made from that fish by the standard product recovery rate for that primary product as listed in § 672.20(j) of this chapter, or,

if not listed, the weight of fish calculated by dividing the weight of a primary product by the standard product recovery rate as determined using the best available evidence on a case-by-case basis.

* * * * * * 3. In § 677.4, paragraph (a) is revised

§ 677.4 Permits.

to read as follows:

(a) General. In addition to the permit and licensing requirements at § 301.3 of this title and §§ 672.4, 675.4, and § 676.13 of this chapter, a processor of fish from a Research Plan fishery must have a Federal Processor Permit issued by the Regional Director under this section, except that this requirement does not apply to any fisherman who transfers fish outside of the United States, or any fisherman who sells fish directly to a restaurant or to an individual for use as bait or personal consumption. Federal Processor Permits will be issued without charge.

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4. In § 677.7, paragraph (e) is revised to read as follows:

§ 677.7 General prohibitions.

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- (e) Process or receive fish from a Research Plan fishery without a valid permit issued pursuant to this part.
- 5. In § 677.10, paragraph (a)(1)(i)(C) is revised to read as follows:

§ 677.10 General requirements.

- (a) * * *
- (1) * * *
- (i) * * *
- (C) A catcher/processor or catcher vessel 125 ft. (38.1 m) LOA or longer must carry a NMFS-certified observer during 100 percent of its fishing days while fishing for groundfish, except for a vessel fishing for groundfish with pot gear as provided in paragraph (a)(1)(i)(F) of this section.

Figure 1 to Part 677 [Amended]

6. Figure 1 to part 677, Federal Processor Permit Application (Form FPP-1), is revised to read as follows:

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