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So here is what I found out. The picture on the left is Kona Safeway. I asked the clerk where the fish came from, and he said Malaysia. I asked him If he ate it and he say "I pound em at \$10/lb!!" the picture on the right is made from fresh Hawaii tuna. Note price and color difference. No labeling as to the origin of the fish. The lower picture is from Sack,Save(Foodland) and in my opinion is even more deceptive. I asked country of origin and she said Philippines. Again no country of origin, and the labeling is not clear. That black line above MAKAI SPECIAL says in this Font size:

PREVIOUSLY FROZEN  
PRESERVED WITH CARBON MONOXIDE FOR COLOR RETENTION

I don't think this constitutes clear labeling. It was also my understanding when marine products were sold using the Hawaiian name, it had to be preceded by imported or imported from i.e. *IMPORTED PREVIOUSLY FROZEN MAHI MAHI FROM JAPAN* , but according to Alvin at the Kona Hawaii Department of Health the law reads that the country of origin is required on the box or package sold to the store, but it is not required on the finished product sold to the consumer. For me, I would like to know where my fish comes from because, at least in the past, most of the scombroid fish poisoning in Hawaii can be traced to Imported MahiMahi. I understand that only a very small percentage to this imported product is inspected when it comes in to Hawaii, and some CO treated tuna has been rejected. We need a law with teeth to protect the consumers , so these guys can be made accountable for their actions. Concerned fishermen and consumers Geof Walker, Leroy Pi, Nathan Abe





