

USA Comments -- Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

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CHAPTER 4.1.1.1.

TAURA SYNDROME

General Comment: The United States supports the changes proposed for this chapter. We are recommending some changes to the wording for clearer understanding. These few changes are shown in “red font” or as a strike-through. A couple of other comments are also made.

Article 4.1.1.2.

Scope

The recommendations in this Chapter apply to: Pacific white shrimp or whiteleg shrimp (*Penaeus vannamei*), blue shrimp (*P. stylirostris*), northern white shrimp (*P. setiferus*), southern white shrimp (*P. schmitti*), greasyback prawn (*Metapenaeus ensis*) and giant tiger prawn (*P. monodon*) These recommendations also apply to any other *susceptible species* referred to in the *Aquatic Manual* when traded internationally.

Note: these species called prawns here are sometimes referred to in other aquatic Code chapters as shrimp. The terminology should be consistent from Chapter to Chapter.

Article 4.1.1.3.

Commodities

1. When authorising the importation or transit of the following *commodities*, the *Competent Authorities* of the *importing country* should not require any TS related conditions, regardless of the TS status of the *exporting country, zone or compartment*.

a) For the species referred to in Article 4.1.1.2. for any purpose:

i) ...

iv) crustacean meals or by-products made non-infectious by heating or drying (e.g. flame dried or sun dried);

v) crustacean products made non-infectious through processing as dry feeds (e.g. pelleted or extruded feeds);

Comment: For sub-points iv) and v) the United States recommends either specifying how this status should be demonstrated, or listing the recommended temp/time parameters, or using the following language:

'...crustacean meals or by-products that have been treated in a manner that ensures inactivation of TSV'

Article 4.1.1.4.

Taura syndrome free country

A country may make a *self-declaration of freedom* from TS if it meets the conditions in points 1, 2, 3 or 4 below.

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OR

4. A country that has previously made a *self-declaration of freedom* from TS but in which the *disease* is subsequently detected may ~~not~~ make a *self-declaration of freedom* from TS again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:

- a) ...

Article 4.1.1.5.

Taura syndrome free zone or free compartment

A *zone* or *compartment* within the *territory* of one or more countries not declared free from TS may be declared free by the *Competent Authority(ies)* of the country(ies) concerned if the *zone* or *compartment* meets the conditions referred to in points 1, 2, 3 or 4 below.

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4. A *zone* previously declared free from TS but in which the *disease* is detected may ~~not~~ be declared free from TS again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:

- a) ...