

**Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission March 2009 Report  
USA Comments**

CHAPTER 1.5.6.

**MEASURES CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL  
TRANSPORT OF AQUATIC ANIMAL  
DISEASE AGENTS  
AND PATHOLOGICAL MATERIAL**

Article 1.5.6.1.

**Introduction**

There is the *risk* that *disease* may occur as a result of the accidental release of *aquatic animal* pathogens during international transport of packaged materials. Such pathogens may already occur in the country or they may have been imported deliberately or inadvertently. It is therefore necessary to have in place measures to prevent their accidental release. These measures may be applied at national borders by prohibiting or controlling the importation of specified *aquatic animal* pathogens or *pathological material*, which may contain them.

*Competent Authorities* should not require *sanitary measures* for biological samples preserved for diagnostic applications that are treated in such a manner as to inactivate the *disease agent* and will not cause *aquatic animal disease* such that they are no longer infectious to aquatic animals.

**Rationale:** Pathogens can infect animals without causing clinical disease.