

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission March 2009 Report

REVISED ARTICLES 2.X.X.3. AND 2.X.X.9. AND ARTICLE 2.X.X.12.

USING THE SVC CHAPTER ARTICLES AS AN EXAMPLE

Article 2.1.4.3.

Commodities

1. When authorising the importation or transit of the following *commodities*, ~~the~~ *Competent Authorities* should not require any SVC related conditions, regardless of the SVC status of the *exporting country, zone or compartment*:
 - a) From the species referred to in Article 2.1.4.2. intended for any purpose:
 - i) *commodities* treated in a manner that inactivates the *disease agent* (e.g. leather made from fish skin, pasteurised products and some ready-to-eat meals; and fish oil and fish *meal* intended for use in *feed*);
 - ii) biological samples preserved for diagnostic applications in such a manner as to inactivate the *disease agent*.
 - b) ~~The following *commodities* destined for human consumption from the species referred to in Article 2.1.4.2. which have been prepared and packaged for direct retail trade:~~
 - i) ~~*eviscerated fish* (chilled or frozen);~~
 - ii) ~~*fillets or cutlets* (chilled or frozen);~~
 - iii) ~~*dried eviscerated fish* (including air dried, flame dried and sun dried).~~

~~For the *commodities* referred to in point 1b), Members may wish to consider introducing internal measures to prevent the *commodity* being used for any purpose other than for human consumption.~~

2. When authorising the importation or transit of *commodities* of a species referred to in Article 2.1.4.2., other than those referred to in point 1 of Article 2.1.4.3., ~~the~~ *Competent Authorities* should require the conditions prescribed in Articles 2.1.4.7. to 2.1.4.12. relevant to the SVC status of the *exporting country, zone or compartment*.
3. When considering the importation ~~or~~ transit of a commodity from an *exporting country, zone or compartment* not declared free of SVC ~~of a live commodity~~ from a species not covered in Article 2.1.4.2. but which could reasonably be expected to be a ~~potential~~ mechanical vector/fomite for SVC, ~~the~~ *Competent Authorities* should conduct a *risk analysis* in accordance with the recommendations in the *Aquatic Code*. The *exporting country* should be informed of the outcome of this assessment.

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Article 2.1.4.9.

Importation of live aquatic animals and aquatic animal products for processing for human consumption from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from spring viraemia of carp

When importing, for processing for human consumption, live *aquatic animals* of the species referred to in Article 2.1.4.2. and aquatic animal products from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from SVC, the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should assess the *risk* and, if justified, require that:

1. the consignment is delivered directly to and held in *quarantine* facilities for ~~slaughter further and~~ processing to one of the products referred to in point 1 of Article 2.1.4.3., or products described in point 1 2 of Article 2.1.4.12., or other products authorised by the *Competent Authority*; and
2. all effluent and waste material from the processing are treated in a manner that ensures inactivation of SVCV or disposed in a manner that prevents contact of waste with susceptible species.

Members may wish to consider introducing internal measures to address the risk of prevent such *commodities* being used for any purpose other than for human consumption.

~~This Article does not apply to *commodities* referred to in point 1 of Article 2.1.4.3. or products described in point 1 2 of Article 2.1.4.12.~~

[...]

Article 2.1.4.12.

Importation of aquatic animal products from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from spring viraemia of carp

1. The risk posed by the following products destined for human consumption from the species referred to in Article 2.1.4.2. which have been prepared and packaged for direct retail trade is considered negligible:

- i) *eviscerated fish* (chilled or frozen);
- ii) *fillets or cutlets* (chilled or frozen);
- iii) *dried eviscerated fish* (including air dried, flame dried and sun dried);

For these *commodities* Members may wish to consider introducing internal measures to prevent the *commodity* being used for any purpose other than for human consumption.

2. When importing *aquatic animal products*, other than those referred to in point 1 above, of the species referred to in Article 2.1.4.2. from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from SVC, the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should assess the *risk* and apply appropriate *risk* mitigation measures.

3. ~~In the case of dead fish, whether *viscerated* or *uneviscerated*, such ~~r~~Risk mitigation measures may include:~~

~~1-a)~~ the direct delivery into and holding of the consignment in biosecure/*quarantine* facilities for processing to one of the products referred to in point 1 of Article 2.1.4.3., or products described in point 1 2 of this Article, or other products authorised by the *Competent Authority*;

~~2-b)~~ the treatment of all effluent and waste material in a manner that ensures inactivation of SVCV or disposed in a manner that prevents contact of waste with susceptible species.

~~This Article does not apply to *commodities* referred to in point 1 of Article 2.1.4.3. or products described in point 1 2 of Article 2.1.4.12.~~

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