

# Shipments Transiting the United States

Spring Viremia of Carp (SVC)-susceptible fish species may be imported to the US under conditions of transit to a third country under slightly different conditions than permanent importation. An **import permit is still needed**, but such shipments do not need to be accompanied by an export health certificate, provided they meet the following conditions while in transit:

## **REQUIREMENT OPTIONS:**

There are two options for moving SVC-susceptible fish for the purpose of transit through the United States to a third country. The two options are listed below; please utilize one of the two options.

### **I. Continuous Confinement**

The SVC-susceptible fish are maintained under continuous confinement while in transit through the United States aboard an aircraft, ocean vessel, or other means of conveyance.

OR

### **II. In-Transit Holding Facility**

They are transferred during transit into a holding facility. The holding facility is provided by the carrier or its agent and has been approved by APHIS to prevent the spread within the United States of SVC, **AND** maintained under continuous confinement until loaded aboard a means of conveyance for transportation from the United States until departure.

## Required Conditions for Holding Facilities:

- The holding facility must be sufficiently isolated to prevent direct or indirect contact of the live fish, fertilized eggs, or gametes it contains with any other SVC-susceptible species in the United States.
- The holding facility must be constructed to provide adequate protection against environmental conditions and so that it can be adequately cleaned, washed and disinfected.
- Provision must be made for disposal of fish carcasses, shipping water, waste, and any associated shipping materials in a manner that will prevent dissemination of disease.
- Provision must be made for adequate sources of feed and water and for attendants for the care and feeding of fish, fertilized eggs, or gametes in the facility.
- The holding facility must comply with all applicable local, State and Federal requirements for environmental quality.
- The holding facility must comply with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the APHIS Administrator for a particular shipment if necessary to prevent the dissemination of disease.

- Fish for import are moved in accordance with any additional conditions prescribed in the permit and determined by APHIS to be necessary to ensure that the live fish, fertilized eggs, or gametes do not introduce SVC into the United States.

Fish that do not meet these new entry requirements will be refused entry to the US. Importers will have the option of immediately re-exporting refused entry shipments, or the shipments will be destroyed and disposed of at their expense.

**ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:**

Please check the animal health regulations of the importing state of destination for possible additional regulations and requirements for the proposed import from the drop-down list provided [here](#).