

CHAPTER 1.2.

CRITERIA FOR THE INCLUSION OF DISEASES IN THE OIE LIST

Article 1.2.1.

Introduction

This chapter describes the criteria for the inclusion of listing diseases in Chapter 1.3.

The objective of listing diseases is to support Member Countries by providing information needed to take appropriate action to prevent the transboundary spread of important *diseases of aquatic animals*. This is achieved by transparent, timely and consistent *notification*.

~~For the diseases listed in accordance with Article 1.2.2., the corresponding disease-specific chapters~~ Each listed disease usually has a corresponding chapter that assists Member Countries in the harmonisation of *disease* detection, prevention and control, and provides standards for safe international trade in *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products*.

The requirements for ~~notification of listed diseases~~ are detailed in Chapter 1.1.

Principles and methods of validation of diagnostic tests are ~~provided~~ described in Chapter 1.1.2 of the *Aquatic Manual*.

Article 1.2.2.

The criteria for the inclusion of a *disease* in the OIE list are as follows:

- 1) International spread of the pathogenic agent (via *aquatic animals*, *aquatic animal products*, vectors or fomites) is likely.

AND

- 2) At least one country ~~or a country with a zone~~ may demonstrate country or zone freedom from the *disease* in susceptible *aquatic animals*, based on provisions of Chapter 1.4.

AND

- 3) A precise *case definition* is available and a reliable means of detection and *diagnosis* exist.

AND

4)

- a) Natural transmission to humans has been proven, and human infection is associated with severe consequences.

OR

- b) The *disease* has been shown to affect the health of cultured *aquatic animals* at the level of a country or a *zone* resulting in significant consequences e.g. production losses, morbidity ~~and or~~ mortality at a *zone* or country level.

OR

- c) The *disease* has been shown to, or scientific evidence indicates that it would, affect the health of wild *aquatic animals* resulting in significant consequences e.g. morbidity ~~and~~ or mortality at a population level, reduced productivity ~~and~~ or ecological impacts.
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