

AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION
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CHAPTER 10.1.

EPIZOOTIC HAEMATOPOIETIC NECROSIS

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Article 10.1.3.

Importation or transit of aquatic animals and aquatic animal products for any purpose from an exporting country, zone or compartment not declared free from epizootic haematopoietic necrosis

1. *Competent Authorities* should not require any EHN related conditions, regardless of the EHN status of the *exporting country, zone or compartment* when authorising the importation or transit of the following *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products* from the species referred to in Article 10.1.2. intended for any purpose and complying with Article 5.3.1.:
 - i) heat sterilised hermetically sealed fish products (i.e. a heat treatment at 121°C for at least 3.6 minutes or equivalent);
 - ii) pasteurised fish products that have been subjected to heat treatment at 90°C for 10 minutes or to any pasteurisation equivalent which has been demonstrated to inactivate EHNV;
 - iii) mechanically dried eviscerated fish (i.e. a heat treatment at 100°C for at least 30 minutes or equivalent);
 - iv) fish skin leather;
 - v) fish oil; and
 - vi) fish meal.
2. When authorising the importation or transit of *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products* of a species referred to in Article 10.1.2., other than those referred to in point 1 of Article 10.1.3., *Competent Authorities* should require the conditions prescribed in Articles 10.1.7. to 10.1.12. relevant to the EHN status of the *exporting country, zone or compartment*.
3. When considering the importation or transit of *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products* from an *exporting country, zone or compartment* not declared free of EHN from a species not covered in Article 10.1.2. but which could reasonably be expected to pose a *risk* of transmission for EHN, *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 10.1.9.

Importation of aquatic animals and aquatic animal products for processing for human consumption from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from epizootic haematopoietic necrosis

When importing, for processing for human consumption, *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products* of the species referred to in Article 10.1.2. from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from EHN, 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* or containment facilities until processing into one of the products referred to in point 1 of Article 10.1.3., or products described in point 1 of Article 10.1.12., 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 EHN or is disposed in a manner that prevents contact of waste with *susceptible species*.

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

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Article 10.1.12.

Importation of aquatic animals and aquatic animal products for retail trade for human consumption from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from epizootic haematopoietic necrosis

1. *Competent Authorities* should not require any EHV related conditions, regardless of the EHV status of the *exporting country*, *zone* or *compartment* when authorising the importation or transit of the following *commodities* which have been prepared and packaged for retail trade and complying with Article 5.3.2.:

- i) fillets or steaks (chilled or frozen).

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

2. When importing *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products*, other than those referred to in point 1 above, of the species referred to in Article 10.1.2. from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from EHV, the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should assess the *risk* and apply appropriate *risk mitigation measures*.