AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION

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CHAPTER 10.7.

# RED SEA BREAM IRIDOVIRAL DISEASE

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Article 10.7.3.

**Importation or transit of aquatic animals and aquatic animal products for any purpose from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from red sea bream iridovirus**

1. *Competent Authorities* should not require any RSIVD related conditions, regardless of the RSIVD 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 10.7.2. intended for any purpose and complying with Article 5.3.1.:

   ~~a) [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](under study).~~

   a) heat sterilised hermetically sealed fish products (i.e. a heat treatment at 121ºC for at least 3.6 minutes or any time/temperature equivalent);

   b) pasteurised fish products that have been subjected to heat treatment at 90ºC for at least 10 minutes (or any time/temperature equivalent which has been demonstrated to inactivate RSIV);

   c) mechanically dried eviscerated fish (i.e. a heat treatment at 100ºC for at least 30 minutes or any time/temperature equivalent which has been demonstrated to inactivate RSIV);

   d) fish skin leather;

   e) fish oil; and

   f) fish *meal.*

2. When authorising the importation or transit of *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products* of a species referred to in Article 10.7.2., other than those referred to in point 1 of Article 10.7.3., *Competent Authorities* should require the conditions prescribed in Articles 10.7.7. to 10.7.12. relevant to the RSIVD 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 RSIVD of a species not covered in Article 10.7.2. but which could reasonably be expected to pose a *risk* of transmission for RSIVD, *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.

Article 10.7.12.

**Importation of aquatic animals and aquatic animal products for retail trade for human consumption from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from red sea bream iridovirus**

1. *Competent Authorities* should not require any RSIVD related conditions, regardless of the RSIVD 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.:

   ~~a) [eviscerated fish (chilled or frozen);~~

   ~~b) fillets or cutlets (chilled or frozen);~~

   ~~c) dried eviscerated fish (including air dried, flame dried and sun dried)] (under study ).~~

   a) 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* or *aquatic animal products*, other than those referred to in point 1 above, of the species referred to in Article 10.7.2. from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from RSIVD, the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should assess the *risk* and apply appropriate *risk* mitigation measures.