AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION

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CHAPTER 9.7.

WHITE TAIL DISEASE

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Article 9.7.3.

Importation or transit of aquatic animals and aquatic animal products for any purpose from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from white tail disease

1. *Competent Authorities* should not require any WTD related conditions, regardless of the WTD 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 9.7.2. intended for any purpose and complying with Article 5.3.1.:

   ~~a) [commodities treated in a manner that inactivates the pathogenic agent e.g. boiled, canned or pasteurised products and some ready-to-eat meals; and crustacean oil and crustacean meal intended for use in feed;~~

   ~~b) chemically extracted chitin;~~

   ~~c) crustacean products made non-infectious through processing as dry feed (e.g. pelleted or extruded feed)] (under study).~~

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

   b) cooked crustacean products that have been subjected to heat treatment at 60°C for at least 60 minutes (or any time/temperature equivalent which has been demonstrated to inactivate MrNV);

   c) pasteurised crustacean products that have been subjected to heat treatment at 90°C for at least 10 minutes (or any time/temperature equivalent that has been shown to inactivate MrNV);

   d) crustacean oil;

   e) crustacean *meal*; and

   f) chemically extracted chitin.

2. When authorising the importation or transit of *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products* of a species referred to in Article 9.7.2., other than those referred to in point 1 of Article 9.7.3., *Competent Authorities* should require the conditions prescribed in Articles 9.7.7. to 9.7.11. relevant to the WTD 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 WTD of a species not covered in Article 9.7.2. but which could reasonably be expected to pose a *risk* of transmission for WTD, *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 9.7.11.

Importation of aquatic animals and aquatic animal products for retail trade for human consumption from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from white tail disease

1. *Competent Authorities* should not require any WTD related conditions, regardless of the WTD 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 9.7.2.:

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

   a) frozen peeled shrimp (shell off, head off).

   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 9.7.2. from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from WTD, the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should assess the *risk* and apply appropriate *risk* mitigation measures.