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CHAPTER 4.5.

**CONTROL OF HAZARDS OF AQUATIC ANIMAL  
HEALTH HAZARDS AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
IMPORTANCE IN AQUATIC ANIMAL FEEDS**

RATIONALE: The following language in Article 4.5.2. (Scope) suggests that public health is not within the scope of recommendations outlined in Chapter 4.5: “These recommendations document risk mitigation measures, including traceability and certification, to deal with aquatic animal health risks associated with trade in aquatic animal feed and feed ingredients.” However, hazards are defined within Article 4.5.2., and include pathogens that cause OIE-listed diseases and other agents that cause an adverse effect on animal and/or public health.” Hazards are further described in Article 4.5.4., point 13 as biological, chemical, and physical agents, with examples provided having the potential to affect not only aquatic animal and public health, but also the health of other animals and the environment. As such, inclusion of the encompassing term “Hazards” in the title better defines the intent and scope of this Chapter.

Article 4.5.4.

**General principles**

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14. Cross-contamination

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Procedures, such as flushing, sequencing and physical clean-out, should be used to reduce the likelihood of contamination between batches of feed or feed ingredients.

~~Procedures such as flushing, sequencing and physical clean-out should be used to avoid cross-contamination between batches of feed or feed ingredients.~~ National regulations should be followed in order to avoid the use of unauthorised *feed ingredients* with a *risk* of cross-contamination.

RATIONALE: The first sentence in the final paragraph is redundant with the new sentence that now comprises the penultimate paragraph.