

## AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION REPORT

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USA COMMENTS

CHAPTER 5.3.

**CRITERIA TO ASSESS THE SAFETY OF  
AQUATIC ANIMAL COMMODITIES**

General comment : Revise from “commodity” to “aquatic animal products” in all article text while retaining “commodity” in chapter title.

RATIONALE: We understand the proposed changes; however, retaining the word “commodity” in the chapter title but changing this in the body of the articles to “aquatic animal products” may convey the intent that the products under discussion are not live commodities or products (eg, live bivalves intended only for human consumption, gametes, larvae). Thus, if these changes are retained, we believe the AAHSC will need to revise the definition of “aquatic animal products” to clarify intent. We propose the following: “Aquatic animal products means the non-living products or commodities produced from live aquatic animals.”

Article 5.3.2.

**Criteria to assess the safety of live aquatic animals or of aquatic animal products ~~destined~~ destined for retail trade for human consumption from a country, zone or compartment not declared free of a ~~irrespective of country~~ disease status**

RATIONALE: Editorial suggestions for clarity.

... The criteria for inclusion of live aquatic animals or aquatic animal products in point 1**b** of Article X.X.**123**. (fish disease chapters) and; Article X.X.X.11. (mollusc and crustacean disease chapters) include consideration of .....

RATIONALE: In the first and second lines of Article 5.3.2., references are provided to both fish and mollusc/crustacean disease chapters. It appears that the reference to the mollusc/crustacean chapter was missing from the fourth line.