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CHAPTER 10.1.

EPIZOOTIC HAEMATOPOIETIC NECROSIS

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Article 10.1.3.

~~Commodities~~–Importation or transit of aquatic animal products for any purpose regardless of the EHN status of the exporting country, zone or compartment

1. ~~When authorising the importation or transit of the following commodities, the 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 commodities from the species referred to in Article 10.1.2. intended for any purpose and complying with Article 5.3.1.:~~

- a) ~~From the species referred to in Article 10.1.2. intended for any purpose:~~
- i) ~~commodities treated in a manner that inactivates the disease agent e.g. fish skin leather¹ made from fish skin;~~
 - ii) ~~pasteurised products² and some ready-to-eat meals; and~~
 - iii) ~~fish oil³; and~~
 - iv) ~~fish meal⁴ intended for use in feed;~~
 - ii) ~~biological samples preserved for diagnostic applications in such a manner as to inactivate the disease agent.~~
- b) ~~The following commodities destined for human consumption from the species referred to in Article 10.1.2. which have been prepared and packaged for direct retail trade:~~
- i) ~~eviscerated fish (chilled or frozen);~~
 - ii) ~~fillets or cutlets (chilled or frozen);~~
 - iii) ~~dried eviscerated fish (including air dried, flame dried and sun dried).~~

¹ Refer to page 20 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

² Refer to page 21 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

³ Refer to page 22 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

⁴ Refer to page 22 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

~~For the *commodities* referred to in point 1b), OIE 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 authorising the importation or transit of *commodities* of a species referred to in Article 10.1.2., other than those referred to in point 1 of Article 10.1.3., ~~the~~ *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~~ or transit of a *commodity* from an *exporting country, zone* or *compartment* not declared free of EHN ~~of a live *commodity*~~ from a species not covered in Article 10.1.2. but which could reasonably be expected to pose a risk of transmission ~~be a potential mechanical vector~~ for EHN, ~~the~~ *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 10.1.9.

Importation of live 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, live *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 ~~be~~ is delivered directly to and held in *quarantine or containment* facilities for slaughter and processing to 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* OIE Members may wish to consider introducing internal measures to address the *risks* associated with the *commodity* prevent such *commodities* being used for any purpose other than for human consumption.~~

~~This Article does not apply to *commodities* referred to in point 1 of Article 10.1.3.~~

[...]

Article 10.1.12.

Importation of live 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.:

- ~~ii) eviscerated fish (chilled or frozen); ⁵~~
- ~~ii) fillets or steaks ~~cutlets~~ (chilled or frozen); ⁶; and~~
- ~~iii) artificially dried *eviscerated fish*⁷ (including air dried, flame dried and sun dried).~~

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 live *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.

In the case of dead fish, whether *eviscerated* or *uneviscerated*, such *risk* mitigation measures may include:

1. ~~the direct delivery into and holding of the consignment in facilities for processing to one of the products referred to in point 1 of Article 10.1.3. or other products authorised by the *Competent Authority*;~~
2. ~~the treatment of all effluent and waste material in a manner that ensures inactivation of EHV.~~

~~This Article does not apply to *commodities* referred to in point 1 of Article 10.1.3.~~

⁵ Refer to page 23 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

⁶ Refer to page 24 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

⁷ Refer to page 24 and 25 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.