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USA COMMENTS

CHAPTER 10.1.

EPIZOOTIC HAEMATOPOIETIC NECROSIS

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Article 10.1.9.

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For these commodities ~~OIE~~ Members may wish to consider introducing internal measures to address the risks, particularly those related to transmission of EHN~~V~~ to cultured or wild aquatic animals, associated with the commodity ~~prevent such commodities~~ being used for any purpose other than for human consumption.

RATIONALE: The suggested revisions emphasize that a primary purpose of risk analysis is to mitigate/prevent transmission of EHN~~V~~ to cultured or wild aquatic animals. Similar revisions may be desired elsewhere in this chapter, and for this reason, the USA recommends further AAHSC review to ensure that articles focusing on live aquatic animals and aquatic animal products for human consumption emphasize that the intent of risk analysis and mitigation is to address transmission of pathogenic agents to cultured or wild aquatic animals and to assure public health.

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Article 10.1.12.

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ii) ...

ii) ...

iii) artificially dried *viscerated fish*¹ (for example, flame-dried) ~~(including air dried, flame dried and sun dried)~~.

RATIONALE: “Artificially dried” fish needs to be defined, and a simple suggestion would be to include examples of what is meant by the phrase “artificially dried fish.”
