GLOSSARY

~~Buffer zone~~

~~means a *zone* established to protect the health status of *aquatic animals* in a *free country* or *free zone*, from those in a country or *zone* of a different *aquatic animal health status*, using measures based on the epidemiology of the *disease* under consideration to prevent spread of the *disease agent* into a *free country* or *free zone*.~~

Protection zone

means a *zone* established to protect the health status of *aquatic animals* in a free country or *free zone*, from those in a country or *zone* of a different *aquatic animal health status*, using measures based on the epidemiology of the *disease* under consideration to prevent spread of the causative pathogenic agent into a free country or *free zone*. These measures may include, but are not limited to, vaccination, movement control and an intensified degree of *surveillance*.

~~Central Bureau~~Headquarters

means the Permanent Secretariat of the World Organisation for Animal Health ~~which headquarters are~~ located at:

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Competent Authority

~~means the *Veterinary Services*, or other Authority of a Member, having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of the *aquatic animal* health measures or other standards in the *Aquatic Code*.~~

means the *Veterinary Authority* or other Governmental Authority of an OIE Member having the responsibility and competence for ensuring or supervising the implementation of aquatic animal health and *welfare* measures, international health certification and other standards and recommendations in the *Aquatic Code* in the whole territory.

Early detection system

means an efficient system for ensuring the rapid recognition of signs that are suspicious of a *listed disease*, or an *emerging disease* situation, or unexplained mortality, in *aquatic animals* in an *aquaculture establishment* or in the wild, and the rapid communication of the event to the *Competent Authority*, with the aim of activating diagnostic investigation with minimal delay.

Such a system will include the following characteristics:

a) broad awareness, e.g. among the personnel employed at *aquaculture establishments* or involved in processing, of the characteristic signs of the *listed diseases* and *emerging diseases*;

b) *veterinarians* or *aquatic animal* health ~~specialists~~ professionals trained in recognising and reporting suspicion~~us~~ of *disease* occurrence;

c) ability of the *Competent Authority* to undertake rapid and effective *disease* investigation based on a national chain of command;

d) access by the *Competent Authority* to laboratories with the facilities for diagnosing and differentiating *listed diseases* and *emerging diseases*~~.~~;

e) the legal obligation of private *veterinarians* or *aquatic animal* health professionals to report suspicions of *disease* occurrence to the *Veterinary Authority* or other *Competent Authority*.

Emerging disease

~~means a newly recognised serious *disease*, the cause of which may or may not yet be established, that has the potential to be spread within and between populations, for example by way of trade in *aquatic animals* and/or *aquatic animal products*.~~

means a newly recognised *infection* resulting from the evolution or change of an existing pathogenic agent, a known *infection* spreading to a new geographic area or population, or a previously unrecognised pathogenic agent or *disease* diagnosed for the first time and which has a significant impact on *aquatic animal* or public health.

Feed additives

~~means any ingredient intentionally added in micro-amounts not normally consumed as *feed* by itself, whether or not it has nutritional value or other effect on the animal, which affects the characteristics of *feed* or of the animal products. Micro organisms, enzymes, acidity regulators, trace elements, vitamins, substances used to attract *aquatic animals* to feed and promote *feed* intake, pigments, synthetic binders, synthetic amino acids, antioxidants and other products fall within the scope of this definition, depending on the purpose of use and method of administration. This excludes veterinary drugs.~~

means any intentionally added ingredient not normally consumed as feed by itself, whether or not it has nutritional value or other effect on the *animal*, which affects the characteristics of feed of the *animal* products. Microorganisms, enzymes, pH regulators, trace elements, vitamins and other products fall within the scope of this definition depending on the purpose of use and method of administration. This excludes veterinary drugs.

Hazard

~~means any pathogen that could produce adverse consequences on the importation of a *commodity*.~~

means a biological, chemical or physical agent in, or a condition of, an *aquatic animal* or *aquatic animal product* with the potential to cause an adverse effect on *aquatic animal* health or public health.

Infected zone

means a *zone* in which a *disease* has been diagnosed. The *infected zone* must be clearly defined by the *Competent Authority(ies)* concerned and may be separated from the rest of the country by a ~~*buffer*~~ *protection zone*.

International aquatic animal health certificate

~~means a certificate issued by a member of the *personnel of the Competent Authority* of the *exporting country*, certifying the state of health of the *aquatic animals*, and a declaration that the *aquatic animals* originate from a source subjected to official health *surveillance* according to the procedures described in the *Aquatic Manual*.~~

means a certificate, issued in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 5.10., describing the *aquatic animal* health and/or public health requirements which are fulfilled by the exported *commodities*.

Pathological material

~~means tissues, organs, fluids, etc., from *aquatic animals*, or strains of infectious organisms (which could be identified as an isolate or biovar) to be sent to an *aquatic animal disease* laboratory or to a reference laboratory recognised by the OIE, the World Health Organization (WHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the European Union (EU), etc.~~

means samples obtained from live or dead *aquatic animals*, containing or suspected of containing infectious or parasitic agents, to be sent to a laboratory.

~~***Personnel of the Competent Authority***~~

~~means any competent personnel working within the body of, or designated by, the *Competent Authority*.~~

~~***Slaughtering*** –~~

~~means the killing and bleeding of fish.~~

Susceptible species

means a species of *aquatic animal* in which *infection* has been demonstrated by natural *cases* or by experimental exposures to the *disease agent* that mimics the natural pathways for *infection*. Each *disease* chapter in the *Aquatic Code* and *Aquatic Manual* contains a list of currently known *susceptible species*.

Veterinary Services

~~means the Veterinary Administration, all the *Veterinary Authorities*, and all persons authorised, registered or licensed by the veterinary *statutory body*.~~

means the governmental and non-governmental organisations that implement animal health and *welfare* measures and other standards and recommendations in the OIE *Codes* in the territory. The *Veterinary Services* are under the overall control and direction of the *Veterinary Authority*. Private sector organisations, *veterinarians*, veterinary paraprofessionals or aquatic animal professionals are normally accredited or approved by the *Veterinary Authority* to deliver the delegated functions.