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USA Comments

GLOSSARY

Protection zone

..... pathogenic agent into a free country or *free zone*.....

General comment : “pathogenic agent” (at end of third line) may need to be defined.

Rationale : We note some inconsistency in the use of the terms “disease,” “disease agent,” and “pathogenic agent” throughout these documents. “Disease” and “disease agent” are defined elsewhere in the Aquatic Code glossary, whereas “pathogenic agent” is not. However, “pathogenic agent” may be a more all-encompassing term than “disease agent,” because the definition of “disease agent” in the Aquatic Code does not take into account non-organismic agents of disease (eg, prions). We also encourage close review of the Aquatic Code to ensure use of terms is consistent throughout and matches glossary definitions.

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 aquatic animal health and *welfare* measures and; other standards and recommendations in the *Aquatic Code* in the whole territory.

Rationale :Editorial comments

Feed Food 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 that affects the characteristics of feed of or the aquatic 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.

Rationale : Editorial changes made to enhance clarity.

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~~ that are fulfilled by the exported *commodities*.

Rationale : Editorial change for clarity.

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~~ pathogenic agents, to be sent to a laboratory.

Rationale : “pathogenic agent” describes both infectious and parasitic agents. Thus, it is a more encompassing term and its use is also consistent with use elsewhere in the Aquatic Code and with earlier comments regarding proposed “Protection zone” language.