

REVISED ARTICLE X.X.8.

AN EXAMPLE (DISEASE X)
TO BE APPLIED ACROSS ALL DISEASE CHAPTERS
(SECTIONS 8, 9, 10 AND 11)

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Importation of live aquatic animals for aquaculture from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from 'Disease X'

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2. If the intention of the introduction is the establishment of a new stock, the Code of Practice on the Introductions and Transfers of Marine Organisms of the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES) should be considered ~~followed~~.
3. For the purposes of the *Aquatic Code*, relevant aspects of the ICES Code (full version see: <http://www.ices.dk/indexfla.asp>) may be summarised to the following ~~main~~ points:
 - a) identify stock of interest (cultured or wild) in its current location;
 - b) evaluate stock health/disease history;
 - c) take and test samples for abalone herpes-like virus, pests and general health/disease status;
 - d) import and quarantine in a secure facility a founder (F-0) population;
 - e) produce F-1 generation from the F-0 stock in *quarantine*;
 - f) culture F-1 stock and at critical times in its development (life cycle) sample and test for abalone herpes-like virus and perform general examinations for pests and general health/disease status;
 - g) if 'Disease X' is not detected, pests are not present, and the general health/disease status of the stock is considered to meet the *basic biosecurity conditions* of the *importing country, zone or compartment*, the F-1 stock may be defined as free of infection with 'Disease X' or specific pathogen free (SPF) for 'Disease X';
 - h) release SPF F-1 stock from *quarantine* for *aquaculture* or stocking purposes in the country, *zone or compartment*.
4. With respect to point 3e), quarantine conditions should be conducive to multiplication of the pathogen and eventually to clinical expression. If quarantine conditions are not suitable for pathogen multiplication and development, the recommended diagnostic approach might not be sensitive enough to detect low infection level.