

TAURA SYNDROME

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Article 9.4.3.

Commodities Importation or transit of aquatic animal products for any purpose regardless of the Taura Syndrome 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 TS related conditions, regardless of the TS 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 9.2.2. intended for any purpose and complying with Article 5.3.1.:~~
 - a) ~~For the species referred to in Article 9.4.2. intended for any purpose:~~
 - ~~i) commodities treated in a manner that inactivates the disease agent e.g. boiled-cooked products¹~~
 - ~~ii) canned products; ² or pasteurised products ³ and some ready-to-eat meals; and~~
 - ~~iii) crustacean oil⁴; and~~
 - ~~iv) crustacean *meal*⁵ intended for use in *feed*;~~
 - ~~v) chemically extracted chitin⁶.~~
 - ~~iii) crustacean products made non-infectious through processing as dry *feed* (e.g. pelleted or extruded *feed*); ⁷~~
 - ~~iv) biological samples preserved for diagnostic applications in such a manner as to inactivate the *disease agent*.~~
 - b) ~~[The following products destined for human consumption from species referred to in Article 9.4.2. which have been prepared and packaged for direct retail trade:~~

¹ Refer to page 33 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

² Refer to page 32 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

³ Refer to page 31 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

⁴ Refer to page 29 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

⁵ Refer to page 28 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

⁶ Refer to page 30 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

⁷ Refer to page 28 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.

For the *commodities* listed 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. (under study)

2. When authorising the importation or transit of the *commodities* of a species referred to in Article 9.4.2., other than those listed in point 1 of Article 9.4.3., the *Competent Authorities* should require the conditions prescribed in Articles 9.4.7. to 9.4.11. relevant to the TS 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 TS ~~of a commodity of~~ from a species not covered in Article 9.4.2. but which could reasonably be expected to pose a risk of transmission ~~be a potential mechanical vector~~ for TSV, 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.

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Article 9.4.9.

Importation of live aquatic animals and aquatic animal products for processing for human consumption from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from Taura syndrome

When importing, for processing for human consumption, live *aquatic animals and aquatic animal products* of the species referred to in Article 9.4.2. from a country, *zone or compartment* not declared free from TS, 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 ~~isolation until for processing and/or consumption; to one of the products referred to in point 1 of Article 9.4.3., or products described in point 1 of Article 9.4.11., or other products authorised by the Competent Authority;~~ and
2. all effluent, ~~dead aquatic animals~~ and waste materials from the processing ~~be~~ are treated in a manner that ensures inactivation of TSV 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 ~~prevent such commodities~~ being used for any purpose other than for human consumption.

~~This Article does not apply to commodities listed in point 1 of Article 9.4.3.~~

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Article 9.4.11.

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 Taura syndrome

1. Competent Authorities should not require any TS related conditions, regardless of the TS 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.:

i) frozen, peeled shrimp (shell off, head off)] (under study)⁸.

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 or aquatic animal products*, other than those referred to in point 1 above, of the species referred to in Article 9.4.2. from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from TS, the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should assess the *risk* and apply appropriate *risk* mitigation measures.

~~This Article does not apply to *commodities* listed in point 1 of Article 9.4.3.~~

⁸ Refer to page 35 of Annex XXV for the assessment of this product undertaken by the *ad hoc* Group.