

Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

September 2012 Report

USA Comments - recommended changes shown in blue font

CHAPTER 1.3.

DISEASES LISTED BY THE OIE

Preamble: The following *diseases* are listed by the OIE according to the criteria for listing an *aquatic animal disease* (see Article 1.2.2.) or criteria for listing an *emerging aquatic animal disease* (see Article 1.2.3.).

In case of modifications of this list of *aquatic animal diseases* adopted by the World Assembly of Delegates, the new list comes into force on 1 January of the following year.

Article 1.3.1.

The following *diseases* of fish are listed by the OIE:

- Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis
- ~~Epizootic ulcerative syndrome~~ Infection with *Aphanomyces invadans* (epizootic ulcerative syndrome)
- Infection with *Gyrodactylus salaris*
- = Infection with salmon pancreas disease virus

Rationale: The United States is concerned with the lack of transparency, the absence of scientific documentation, and the lack of consistency with this process. The United States believes that the Aquatic Commission should have directed the *ad hoc* Group to further review salmon pancreas disease in light of the re-interpretation of criterion 7 for epizootic ulcerative syndrome. The listing of diseases has important international trade ramifications and the process should be transparent and carefully supported and documented with reference to the scientific literature.

Based on the re-assessment of criterion 7 in the case of epizootic ulcerative syndrome by the *ad hoc* Group on the OIE List of Aquatic Animals Diseases, Section 2.4.4 of the Aquatic Commission's September 2012 Report states that the Commission considers that salmon pancreas disease now meets the criteria for listing. This determination was made despite the fact that no further information was provided by the interested Member country as noted in the February 2011 meeting report. Now, however, we have the Commission stating that if criterion 7 is considered differently for Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome (EUS), then salmon pancreas disease meets the criteria to be listed.

- Infectious haematopoietic necrosis
- Infectious salmon anaemia (~~infection with HPR-deleted or HPR0 infectious salmon anaemia virus~~)

Rationale: Please refer to our corresponding comments to the first sentence of Article 10.5.1 in the ISA Code chapter. There is no need to repeatedly and explicitly recognize the HPR0 and HPR-deleted variants.

- Koi herpesvirus disease
- Red sea bream iridoviral disease
- Spring viraemia of carp
- Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia

Article 1.3.2.

The following *diseases* of molluscs are listed by the OIE:

- Infection with abalone herpes virus
- Infection with *Bonamia ostreae*
- Infection with *Bonamia exitiosa*
- Infection with *Marteilia refringens*
- Infection with *Perkinsus marinus*
- Infection with *Perkinsus olseni*
- Infection with *Xenohaliotis californiensis*
- Infection with ostreid herpesvirus-1 μ var (OsHV-1 μ var)¹.

Article 1.3.3.

The following *diseases* of crustaceans are listed by the OIE:

- Crayfish plague (*Aphanomyces astaci*)
- Infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis
- Infectious myonecrosis
- Necrotising hepatopancreatitis
- Taura syndrome
- White spot disease
- White tail disease
- Yellow head disease.

Article 1.3.4.

The following *diseases* of amphibians are listed by the OIE:

- Infection with *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*
- Infection with ranavirus.

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¹ Listed according to Article 1.2.3.