

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FOOD SUPPLY
PLANT AND ANIMAL HEALTH PROTECTION SECRETARIAT

NORMATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 18, OF MAY 13, 2008.

THE SECRETARY FOR PLANT AND ANIMAL HEALTH PROTECTION AT THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FOOD SUPPLY, by virtue of the authority vested in him by Arts. 9 and 42 of Appendix I, Decree No. 5351 of January 21, 2005, in view of the provisions under Decree No. 5741 of March 30, 2006, Decree No. 24548 of July 3, 1934 and those set forth in Docket No 21000.001351/2008-73 decides to:

Art. 1 Establish procedures to importation of ornamental aquatic animals intended to commercialization.

Art. 2 The ornamental aquatic animals intended to commercialization do not need to comply with provisions set forth by Art. 26, SDA Normative Instruction No. 53 from July 2, 2003.

Sole paragraph. Provisions in the caput of this article applies also to the importation of ornamental aquatic animals due to change of domicile.

Art. 3 The importation of live crustacean and fishes of the *Cyprinidae* family will be authorized only for reproduction purposes under the terms of Art. 26, SDA Normative Instruction No. 53 of July 2, 2003.

Art. 4 The import of ornamental aquatic animals intended to commercialization shall undergo a risk analysis and comply with the requirements set forth in the import authorization issued previously by MAPA.

Art. 5 The ornamental aquatic animals imported for commercialization will be held in quarantine for a minimum period of seven (7) days at establishments accredited for this purpose, in the form of the Appendix hereto.

Art. 6 The aquatic animals imported due to change of domicile shall enter this country escorted by their owner, upon prior authorization by MAPA and with the international health certificate in accordance with Brazilian requirements.

§ 1 The animals referred to in the caput of this article shall be held under observation for 90 (ninety) days under the supervision of a veterinarian at the destination domicile.

§ 2 The owner will be the custodian, and at the end of the observation period shall submit the animal health certificate to the Plant and Animal Health Service (SEDESA) of the Federal Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply Superintendent's Office in the corresponding state.

Art. 7 The suspicion of any disease affecting ornamental aquatic animals must be notified to the SEDESA in the corresponding federation State.

Sole paragraph. Treatment of diseases affecting the animals during the quarantine or observation period shall be performed only upon SEDESA's written authorization.

Art. 8 This Normative Instruction shall come into force on the date of its publication.

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