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CONDITIONS FOR IMPORTATION OF LIVE FISH

The following conditions must be met before entry into the territory can be granted:

1. Animal(s) must be accompanied by an **Aquatic Health Certificate** issued by the ***Veterinary Authority** of the country of origin stating: -
 - a) That the country, zone or compartment of origin has been free from **Infectious Salmon Anaemia, Epizootic Ulcerative Syndrome, Epizootic Haematopoietic Necrosis, Infectious Haematopoietic Necrosis, Koi Herpes virus Disease, Red Sea Bream Iridoviral Disease, Spring Viraemia of Carp and Viral Haemorrhagic Septicaemia** for the past ten years
 - b) That the facility is currently participating in an ongoing monitoring and surveillance programme recognized by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country for at least the past **two** years
 - c) That the facilities where the fish are produced are inspected by the Veterinary Authority
 - d) The scientific names of all the aquatic animals in the consignment
 - e) The consignment was inspected by a licensed veterinarian of the exporting country's Veterinary Authority within 72 hours of shipment and found without clinical evidence of disease
 - f) The animal(s) were transported to the place of shipment in specially constructed containers, previously cleansed and disinfected (done to standards implemented by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country) without coming into contact with other susceptible aquatic animals.
2. The fish must be found clinically healthy on arrival at the port of entry.
3. **All required conditions must be met, and all relevant documents (import permit, Veterinary Health Certificate, Laboratory Test results, etc.) must be submitted at the port of entry in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance. Failure to comply can result in animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.**

4. The Veterinary Unit must be given at least 48 hrs. notice of confirmed arrival date, time, airline/vessel and port of entry. This is to avoid delays in the clearance of the animal(s) at the port of entry.
5. In the event that during the course of transporting the animal, it was trans-shipped via another country and remained there for twenty-four (24) hours and over, a veterinary certificate from the competent authority or from the quarantine Officer must be obtained stating that the said animal(s) did not leave the quarantine area, noting the period of time in quarantine and the condition of the animal(s).
6. The animal(s) must be kept in the container in which they were shipped until granted entry into the territory. Failure to do so can result in entry being denied.

*** An Official Health Certificate is a document issued and certified by a veterinarian working full time with the Government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.). It is deemed valid for 30days after the date of issue.**

These conditions are subject to changes. Kindly ensure that you obtain an import permit for all animals you wish to bring into the Territory.