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Annex 6. Item 6.3. – Article 1.1.5. of Chapter 1.1. ‘Notification of diseases and provision of epidemiological information’

CHAPTER 1.1.

NOTIFICATION OF DISEASES, AND PROVISION OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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Article 1.1.5.

1) The Competent Authority of a country in which an infected zone or compartment is located shall inform the Headquarters when this country, zone or compartment becomes free from the disease.

2) A country, zone or compartment may be considered to have regained freedom from a specific disease when all relevant conditions given in the Aquatic Code have been fulfilled.

3) The Competent Authority of a Member Country which establishes one or several free zones or free compartments shall inform the Headquarters, giving necessary details, including the criteria on which the free status is based, the requirements for maintaining the status and indicating clearly the location of the zones or compartments on a map of the territory of the Member Country.

Article 1.1.65.

1) Although Member Country *Veterinary Authorities* are only required to notify *listed diseases* and *emerging diseases*, they are encouraged to provide WOAH with other important *aquatic animal* health information.

2) The *Headquarters* shall communicate by email or through the interface of WAHIS to *~~Competent~~ the Veterinary Authority~~ies~~* all *notifications* received as provided in Articles 1.1.2. to 1.1.~~5~~4. and other relevant information.

**RATIONALE:** Pending approval of Annex 4, these changes are needed to correctly reflect the role of the Veterinary Authority in disease notification.

*See changes proposed for adoption in Annex 4.*

means the procedure by which:

1. the *~~Competent Authority~~Veterinary Authority* informs the *Headquarters*,
2. the *Headquarters* inform *~~Competent Authority~~* the *Veterinary Authority* of Member Countries of the occurrence of a *disease* in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1.1.

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