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CHAPTER 11.X.

INFECTION WITH [PATHOGEN X]

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Article 11.X.9.

Importation of aquatic animals or~~and~~ aquatic animal products from a country, zone or compartment declared free from infection with [Pathogen X]

When importing *aquatic animals* ~~and~~ *~~aquatic animal products~~* of a species referred to in Article 11.X.2., or *aquatic animal products* derived thereof, from a country, *zone* or *compartment* declared free from infection with [Pathogen X], the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should require that the consignment be accompanied by an *international aquatic animal health certificate* issued by the *Competent Authority* of the *exporting country.* The *international aquatic animal health certificate* should state that,~~or a~~ *~~certifying official~~* ~~approved by the~~ *~~importing country~~* ~~certifying that,~~ on the basis of the procedures described in Articles 11.X.~~4~~5., 11.X.~~5~~6. or 11.X.7. (as applicable) and 11.X.~~6~~8., the place of production of the *aquatic animals* or~~and~~ *aquatic animal products* is a country, *zone* or *compartment* declared free from infection with [Pathogen X].

The *international aquatic animal health certificate* should be in accordance with the Model Certificate in Chapter 5.11.

This article does not apply to *aquatic animal products~~commodities~~* ~~referred to~~listed in point 1 of Article 11.X.3.

Article 11.X.10.

Importation of aquatic animals for aquaculture from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from infection with [Pathogen X]

When importing, for *aquaculture*, *aquatic animals* of a species referred to in Article 11.X.2. from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from infection with [Pathogen X], the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should assess the *risk* in accordance with Chapter 2.1. and consider the *risk* mitigation measures in points 1 and 2 below.

1. If the intention is to grow out and harvest the imported *aquatic animals*, consider applying the following:
	1. the direct delivery to and lifelong holding of the imported *aquatic animals* in a *quarantine* facility; and
	2. before leaving *quarantine* (either in the original facility or following biosecure transport to another *quarantine* facility) the *aquatic animals* are killed and processed into one or more of the *aquatic animal products* referred to in point 1 of Article 11.X.3. or other products authorised by the *Competent Authority*; and
	3. the treatment of all transport water, equipment, effluent and waste materials to ~~inactive~~inactivate [Pathogen X] in accordance with Chapters 4.4., 4.8. and 5.5.

OR

1. If the intention is to establish a new stock for *aquaculture*, consider applying the following:
	1. In the *exporting country*:
		1. identify potential source populations and evaluate their *aquatic animal* health records;
		2. test source populations in accordance with Chapter 1.4. and select a founder population (F-0) of *aquatic animals* with a high health status for infection with [Pathogen X].
	2. In the *importing country*:
		1. import the F-0 population into a *quarantine* facility;
		2. test the F-0 population for [Pathogen X] in accordance with Chapter 1.4. to determine their suitability as broodstock;
		3. produce a first generation (F-1) population in *quarantine*;
		4. culture F-1 population in *quarantine* for a duration sufficient for, and under conditions that are conducive to, the clinical expression of infection with [Pathogen X], ~~(as described in Chapter 2.4.X. of the~~ *~~Aquatic Manual~~*~~)~~and sample and test for [Pathogen X] in accordance with Chapter 1.4. of the *Aquatic Code* and Chapter 2.4.X. of the *Aquatic Manual*;
		5. if [Pathogen X] is not detected in the F-1 population, it may be defined as free from infection with [Pathogen X] and may be released from *quarantine*;
		6. if [Pathogen X] is detected in the F-1 population, those animals should not be released from *quarantine* and should be killed and disposed of in a biosecure manner in accordance with Chapter 4.8.

Article 11.X.11.

Importation of aquatic animals or~~and~~ aquatic animal products for processing for human consumption from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from infection with [Pathogen X]

When importing, for processing for human consumption, *aquatic animals* of a species referred to in Article 11.X.2., or *aquatic animal products* derived thereof,~~of species referred to in Article 11.X.2.~~from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from infection with [Pathogen X], the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should assess the *risk* and, if justified, require that:

1. the consignment is delivered directly to, and held in, *quarantine* or containment facilities until processing into one of the products referred to in point 1 of Article 11.X.3.~~,~~ or ~~products described~~ in point 1 of Article 11.X.~~12~~14., or other products authorised by the *Competent Authority*; and
2. all water (including ice), equipment, *containers* and packaging material used in transport ~~and all effluent and waste materials from the processing~~ are treated ~~in a manner that~~ to ensure~~s~~ inactivation of [Pathogen X] or ~~is~~ disposed of in a biosecure manner ~~that prevents contact of waste with~~ *~~susceptible species~~* in accordance with Chapters 4.4., 4.8. and 5.5.; and

3) all effluent and waste materials are treated to ensure inactivation of [Pathogen X] or disposed of in a biosecure manner in accordance with Chapters 4.4. and 4.8.

For these *aquatic animals* or *aquatic animal products* *~~commodities~~* Member Countries may wish to consider introducing internal measures to address the *risks* associated with the *aquatic animal* or *aquatic animal product~~commodity~~* being used for any purpose other than for human consumption.

Article 11.X.12.

Importation of aquatic animals or aquatic animal products intended for uses other than human consumption, including ~~in~~ animal feed~~,~~ and ~~or for~~ agricultural, industrial, research or pharmaceutical use, from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from infection with [Pathogen X]

When importing *aquatic animals* of a species referred to in Article 11.X.2., or *aquatic animal products* derived thereof, intended for uses other than human consumption, including ~~in~~ animal *feed* ~~or for~~ and agricultural, industrial, research or pharmaceutical use, *~~aquatic animals~~* ~~of species referred to in Article 11.X.2.~~ from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from infection with [Pathogen X], the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should require that:

1) the consignment is delivered directly to and held in *quarantine* or containment facilities ~~for slaughter and processing~~until processed into one of the products referred to in point 1 of Article 11.X.3. or other products authorised by the *Competent Authority*; and

2) all water (including ice), equipment*, containers,* and packaging material used in transport ~~and all effluent and waste materials from the processing~~ are treated ~~in a manner~~ to ~~that~~ ensure~~s~~ inactivation of [Pathogen X] or disposed of in a biosecure manner in accordance with Chapters 4.4., 4.8. and 5.5.; and

3) all effluent and waste materials are treated to ensure inactivation of [Pathogen X] or disposed of in a biosecure manner in accordance with Chapters 4.4. and 4.8.

~~This article does not apply to~~ *~~commodities~~* ~~referred to in point 1 of Article 11.X.3.~~

Article 11.X.13.

[**Note**: this is a new article to align with other disease-specific chapters within the *Aquatic Code*.]

Importation of aquatic animals intended for use in laboratories or zoos from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from infection with [Pathogen X]

When importing, for use in laboratories or zoos, *aquatic animals* of a species referred to in Article ~~10.2.2.~~11.X.2. from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from infection with [Pathogen X], the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should ensure:

1. the consignment is delivered directly to, and held in, *quarantine* facilities authorised by the *Competent Authority*; and
2. all water (including ice), equipment, *containers* and packaging material used in transport are treated to ensure inactivation of [Pathogen X]or disposed of in a biosecure manner in accordance with Chapters 4.4., 4.8. and 5.5.; and
3. all effluent and waste materials from the *quarantine* facilities in the laboratories or zoos are treated to ensure inactivation of [Pathogen X]or disposed of in a biosecure manner in accordance with Chapters 4.4. and 4.8.; and
4. the carcasses are disposed of in accordance with Chapter 4.8.

Article 11.X.~~13~~14.

Importation ~~(~~or transit~~)~~ of ~~aquatic animals and~~ aquatic animal products for retail trade for human consumption regardless of the infection with [Pathogen X] status of the exporting country, zone or compartment~~from a country, zone or compartment not declared free from infection with [Pathogen X]~~

1. *Competent Authorities* should not require any conditions related to ~~infection with~~ [Pathogen X], regardless of the infection with [Pathogen X] status of the *exporting country*, *zone* or *compartment*, when authorising the importation or transit of the following *aquatic animal products~~commodities~~* that~~which~~ have been prepared and packaged for retail trade and which comply with Article 5.4.2.

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Certain assumptions have been made in assessing the safety of the *aquatic animal products* mentioned above. Member Countries should refer to these assumptions at Article 5.4.2. and consider whether the assumptions apply to their conditions.

For these *aquatic animal products* *~~commodities~~* Member Countries may wish to consider introducing internal measures to address the *risks* associated with the *aquatic animal products* *~~commodity~~* being used for any purpose other than for human consumption.

1. When importing *~~aquatic animals~~* ~~or~~ *aquatic animal products*, other than those referred to in point 1 above, derived from a ~~of~~ species referred to in Article 11.X.2. from a country, *zone* or *compartment* not declared free from infection with [Pathogen X], the *Competent Authority* of the *importing country* should assess the *risk* and apply appropriate *risk* mitigation measures.

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