Annex 4. Item 5.1. – Work Programme for the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission 2025-2027

| **Chapter** | **Subject** | **Summary of the work** | **Status – February 2025** | | |
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| **Stage of  consideration** | **Remarks (Month when draft text first circulated for comment /# of rounds for comment)** | **Priority order \*** |
| ***Aquatic Code*** | | | | | |
| **Ch. 4.2.** | Application of zoning | Revision of the chapter following the update to Ch. 4.3. to focus on the application of zoning. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **2** |
| **Ch. 4.3.** | Application of compartmentalisation | Revision of the chapter to focus on compartmentalisation. Members engaged through a questionnaire and discussion paper. | Circulated for comments | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | **1** |
| **Ch. 4.6.** | Contingency planning | Removal of the chapter following the adoption of Ch 4.X. 'Emergency disease preparedness' and Ch. 4.Y. 'Disease outbreak management'. | Proposed for adoption in May 2025 | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **1** |
| **Ch. 4.7.** | Fallowing in aquaculture | Review of Ch. 4.7. following the drafting of Ch. 4.X. ‘Emergency disease preparedness’ and Ch. 4.Y. ‘Disease outbreak management’. | Circulated for comments | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | **1** |
| **Ch. 4.X.** | Emergency disease preparedness | Development of a new draft chapter based on the article structure circulated in the Feb 2021 Part B AAHSC report. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Sep 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2023/3) | **1** |
| **Ch. 4.Y.** | Disease outbreak management | Development of a new draft chapter based on the article structure circulated in the Feb 2021 Part B AAHSC report. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Sep 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2023/3) | **1** |
| **Ch. 4.Z.** | Control of pathogenic agents in traded milt and fertilised eggs of fish | Development of a new draft chapter. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Sep 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2023/3) | **1** |
| **Ch. 5.1.** | General obligations related to certification | Update certification procedures to align with Codex (e-certification). | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **3** |
| **Ch. 5.2.** | Certification procedures | Update certification procedures to align with Codex (e-certification). | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **3** |
| **Ch. 5.11.** | Model health certificates for international trade in live aquatic animals and aquatic animal products | Update certification procedures to align with Codex (e-certification). | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **3** |
| **Ch. 5.X.** | Movement of ornamental aquatic animals | Development of a new draft chapter. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Sep 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2023/3) | **1** |
| **Ch. 6.2.** | Principles for responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in aquatic animals | Consider the next steps of the work on antimicrobial use in aquatic animals standards. This is included in the Aquatic Animal Health Strategy and the Aquatic AMU/AMR workplan. | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **2** |
| **Section 7** | Welfare of farmed fish | Possible amendments and revision of standards on aquatic animal welfare, as part of the Aquatic Animal Health Strategy. | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **2** |
| **Disease-specific chapters** | Articles X.X.5., X.X.6. and X.X.7. | Recommendations for periods of basic biosecurity conditions and targeted surveillance for the disease-specific chapters. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Feb 2024/2) | **1** |
| **Ch. 8.1.** | Infection with *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* | Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **3** |
| **Ch. 8.2.** | Infection with *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* | Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **4** |
| **Ch. 8.3.** | Infection with *Ranavirus* species | Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **4** |
| **Ch. 9.2.** | Infection with *Aphanomyces astaci* (Crayfish plague) | Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **2** |
| **Ch. 9.9.** | Infection with white spot syndrome virus | Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Feb 2024/2) | **1** |
| **Ch. 10.2.** | Infection with *Aphanomyces invadans* (Epizootic ulcerative syndrome) | Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1) | **1** |
| **Ch. 10.8.** | Infection with red sea bream iridovirus | Removal of the chapter following the change in listing of ‘infection with red sea bream iridovirus’ to ‘infection with *Megalocytivirus pagrus1*’ | Proposed for adoption in May 2025 | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **1** |
| **Ch. 10.X.** | Infection with *Megalocytivirus pagrus1* | Development of draft new chapter 10.X. 'Infection with *Megalocytivirus pagrus1'* following the change in listing of ‘infection with red sea bream iridovirus’ to ‘infection with *Megalocytivirus pagrus1*’ | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1) | **1** |
| **Ch. 11.6.** | Infection with *Perkinsus olseni* | Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Feb 2024/2) | **1** |
| **Ch. 11.7.** | Infection with *Xenohaliotis californiensis* | Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1) | **1** |
| **N/A** | Emerging diseases | Review emerging diseases | Standing agenda item | Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report | **1** |
| ***Aquatic Manual*** | | | | | |
| **Ch. 1.1.2.** | Validation of diagnostic assays for infectious diseases of aquatic animals | New chapter for validation of diagnositic assays for infectious diseases of aquatic animals. | Circulated for comment | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | **1** |
| **Ch. 2.1.1.** | Infection with *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* | Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | 4 |
| **Ch. 2.1.1.** | Infection with *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* | Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **3** |
| **Ch. 2.1.2.** | Infection with *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* | Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **4** |
| **Ch. 2.1.3.** | Infection with *Ranavirus* species | Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **4** |
| **Ch. 2.1.3.** | Infection with *Ranavirus* species | Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Not started | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **4** |
| **Ch. 2.2.2.** | Infection with *Aphanomyces astaci* (Crayfish plague) | Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **2** |
| **Ch. 2.2.5.** | Infection with infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis virus | Revision of Section 6.1.2. 'Definition of confirmed case in apparently health animals'. | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **2** |
| **Ch. 2.2.9.** | Infection with white spot syndrome virus | Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Feb 2024/2) | **1** |
| **Ch. 2.3.2.** | Infection with *Aphanomyces invadans* (Epizootic ulcerative syndrome) | Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1) | **1** |
| **Ch. 2.3.7.** | Infection with red sea bream iridovirus | Removal of the chapter following the change in listing of ‘infection with red sea bream iridovirus’ to ‘infection with *Megalocytivirus pagrus1*’ | Proposed for adoption in May 2025 | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **1** |
| **Ch. 2.3.7.** | Infection with *Megalocytivirus pagrus1* | New chapter for infection with *Megalocytivirus pagrus1* which was listed in the *Aquatic Code* in May 2024 | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **2** |
| **Ch. 2.3.9.** | Infection with spring viraemia of carp virus | Review the validation or publication of real-time PCR assays | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **3** |
| **Ch. 2.3.X.** | Infection with tilapia lake virus | New chapter for infection with tilapia lake virus which was listed in the *Aquatic Code* in May 2022 | Preparatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **2** |
| **Ch. 2.4.2.** | Infection with *Bonamia exitiosa* | Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1) | **1** |
| **Ch. 2.4.3.** | Infection with *Bonamia ostreae* | Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1) | **1** |
| **Ch. 2.4.5.** | Infection with *Perkinsus marinus* | Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter. | Prepatory work | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report | **1** |
| **Ch. 2.4.6.** | Infection with *Perkinsus olseni* | Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Feb 2024/2) | **1** |
| **Ch. 2.4.6.** | Infection with *Perkinsus olseni* | Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Circulated for comments | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | **1** |
| **Ch. 2.4.7.** | Infection with *Xenohaliotis californiensis* | Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter. | Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025) | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1) | **1** |
| **Ch. 2.4.7.** | Infection with *Xenohaliotis californiensis* | Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'. | Circulated for comments | Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report (Feb 2025/1) | **1** |

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|  | **\* Description of priority order** |
| **1** | * **active work for the AAHSC** * **to be put forward for next meeting agenda** |
| **2** | * **active work for the AAHSC** * **to be included in next meeting agenda if time allows, depending on other progress** |
| **3** | * **not immediate work for the AAHSC** * **needs to progress before consideration for next meeting agenda** |
| **4** | * **not active** * **not to be immediately started** |

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|  | **List of abbreviations** |
| **AHG** | ***Ad hoc* Group** |
| **Ch** | **Chapter** |
| **HQ** | **WOAH Headquarters** |
| **AAHSC** | **Aquatic Animal Health Standard Commission** |