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CHAPTER 1.2.

**CRITERIA FOR LISTING AQUATIC ANIMAL DISEASES**

Article 1.2.1.

**Introduction**

This chapter describes the criteria for the inclusion of [*diseases*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_maladie) in Chapter [1.3.](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=chapitre_diseases_listed.htm#chapitre_diseases_listed)

The objective of listing [*diseases*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_maladie) is to support Member Countries by providing information needed to take appropriate action to prevent the transboundary spread of important [*diseases*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_maladie) of [*aquatic animals*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_animaux_aquatiques). This is achieved by transparent, timely and consistent [*notification*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_notification).

Each [*listed disease*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_maladie_de_la_liste_de_l_oie) usually has a corresponding chapter that assists Member Countries in the harmonisation of [*disease*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_maladie) detection, prevention and control, and provides standards for safe [*international trade*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_echanges_internationaux) in [*aquatic animals*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_animaux_aquatiques) and [*aquatic animal products*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_produits_d_animaux_aquatiques).

The requirements for [*notification*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_notification) are detailed in Chapter [1.1.](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=chapitre_notification.htm#chapitre_notification)

Principles and methods of validation of diagnostic tests are described in Chapter 1.1.2. of the [*Aquatic Manual*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_manuel_aquatique).

Article 1.2.2.

The criteria for the inclusion of a [*disease*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_maladie) in the OIE list are as follows:

1. International spread of the [*pathogenic agent*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_agent_pathogene) (via [*aquatic animals*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_animaux_aquatiques), [*aquatic animal products*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_produits_d_animaux_aquatiques), [*vectors*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_vecteur) or fomites) is likely.

AND

1. At least one country ~~may demonstrate~~ has demonstrated country or [*zone*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone) freedom from the [*disease*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_maladie) in susceptible [*aquatic animals*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_animaux_aquatiques), based on provisions of Chapter [1.4.](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=chapitre_aqua_ani_surveillance.htm#chapitre_aqua_ani_surveillance)

**RATIONALE:** Changing to “has demonstrated” makes the statement something that must happen rather than something that may or may not happen. It is also the phrase used in the Terrestrial Code Chapter 1.2. Article 1.2.2.2. This discrepancy between the Aquatic and Terrestrial Animal Health Codes significantly impacts the listing of aquatic animal diseases.

AND

1. A precise [*case definition*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_definition_d_un_cas) is available and a reliable means of detection and [*diagnosis*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_diagnostic) exists.

AND

* 1. Natural transmission to humans has been proven, and human infection is associated with severe consequences.

OR

* 1. The [*disease*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_maladie) has been shown to affect the health of cultured [*aquatic animals*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_animaux_aquatiques) at the level of a country or a [*zone*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone) resulting in significant consequences e.g. production losses, morbidity or mortality at a [*zone*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone) or country level.

OR

* 1. The [*disease*](https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/aquatic-code-online-access/index.php?id=169&L=1&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_maladie) has been shown to, or scientific evidence indicates that it would affect the health of wild resulting in significant consequences e.g. morbidity or mortality at a population level, reduced productivity or ecological impacts.