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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** SINGAPORE **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority
3.	**Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Ornamental aquatic animals
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** [X] **All trading partners** [ ] **Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Amendment of health certification requirements for import of ornamental fish into Singapore **Language(s):** English **Number of pages:** 2 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/sps/SGP/11_3576_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** The current health certification requirements stipulate disease certification to be made by the competent authorities of exporting countries with respect to Goldfish haematopoietic necrosis virus (GFHNV) for goldfish (*Carassius auratus*) imported into Singapore. It will no longer be necessary for goldfish exported to Singapore to be certified free of the disease due to changes in risk management approach for this disease.
7.	**Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.**
8.	**Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:** [ ] **Codex Alimentarius Commission** ***(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*** [X] **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)** ***(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*** Aquatic Animal Health Code, in particular chapters 5.1, 5.2, 5.10, 9.1, 9.5, 10.1, 10.2, 10.6 and 10.8 [ ] **International Plant Protection Convention** ***(e.g. ISPM number)*** [ ] **None** **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[X] Yes [ ] No**

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	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9.	**Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Available in English
10.	**Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Immediate. Although the revision takes immediate effect, Singapore will continue to accept health certificates that certified for GFHNV during the transition period. **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Inmediate
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Inmediate **[X] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (Attn: Dr Lim Shu Ning) 5 Maxwell Road, #18-00 Tower Block, MND Complex Singapore 069110 Republic of Singapore E-mail: lim_shu_ning@ava.gov.sg
13.	**Texts available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (Attn: Dr Lim Shu Ning) 5 Maxwell Road, #18-00 Tower Block, MND Complex Singapore 069110 Republic of Singapore E-mail: lim_shu_ning@ava.gov.sg

Animal health certification requirements for import of ornamental fish into Singapore

1. Scope

1.1 Ornamental fish refers to the ornamental varieties of marine, brackish water or fresh water fish, crustacean and aquatic mollusca. It excludes fish and fish products intended for human consumption.

1.2 Health certificates are required for every shipment of ornamental fish imported into Singapore which are either susceptible[1] or can act as vector to the following disease(s):

S/N	Disease	Susceptible species	Species which shall be regarded as vectors
a.	Spring viraemia of carp (SVC)	As listed in OIE[2]	-
b.	Koi herpesvirus disease (KHV)	As listed in OIE	-
c.	Epizootic ulcerative syndrome (EUS)	As listed in OIE	-
d.	Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis (EHN)	As listed in OIE	Goldfish (*Carassius auratus*), koi carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)
e.	Furunculosis (*Aeromonas Salmonicida*)	Goldfish (*Carassius auratus*)	-
f.	~~Goldfish haematopoietic necrosis virus (GFHNV)~~	~~Goldfish (*Carassius auratus*)~~	
g.	White spot disease (WSD) (White Spot Syndrome virus WSSV)	As listed in OIE	-

1.3 Irrespective of paragraph 1.2, health certificates are required for every shipment of marine ornamental finfish imported into Singapore that **are for re-export to Australia**.

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[1] A susceptible species is a species of aquatic animal in which infection has been demonstrated by natural causes or by experimental exposures to the disease agent that mimics the natural pathways for infection as defined by OIE.

[2] Susceptible species in accordance to the latest edition of the OIE Aquatic Animal health Code (http://www.oie.int/eng/normes/fcode/en_sommaire.htm) and the Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals (http://www.oie.int/eng/normes/fmanual/A_summry.htm).

2. Documentation

The importation shall be accompanied by an original copy of health certificate issued by the competent authority (CA) of the exporting country within ten days prior to the shipment, in English, and providing information on the following:

2.1 Consignment details

i. Name and address of the aquaculture establishment of origin or location of harvest
ii. Date of the shipment
iii. Name of the exporting country
iv. Name and address of the exporter
v. Name of the competent authority of the exporting country
vi. Country of destination
vii. Name and address of the importer

2.2 Identification of the animals

i. Species: Scientific name and common name
ii. Quantity (in pieces)
iii. Total number of packages

2.3 Health Information

2.3.1 Health attestation that the fish in the consignment are free from the diseases listed under paragraph 1.2 as follows:

2.3.1.1 The fish originate from a country or a zone or an area or an aquaculture establishment that has been subject to an official fish health surveillance system equivalent to the relevant OIE standard and is officially recognized (by the CA of the country) as being free from Spring viraemia of carp (SVC)*, Koi herpesvirus disease (KHV)*, Epizootic ulcerative syndrome (EUS)*, Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis (EHN)* and White spot disease (WSD)*.

2.3.1.2 For Furunculosis (*Aeromonas Salmonicida*)* ~~and Goldfish haematopoietic necrosis virus (GFHNV)*~~, there is absence of clinical signs suggestive of infection.

2.3.1.3 The fish have been examined within seven days before loading and found to be healthy and free from any clinical signs of disease

2.3.1.4 The fish have not been kept in water in common with koi carp[3] or farmed foodfish (fish farmed for human consumption including recreational fishing).

* Keep as appropriate for the susceptible species

2.3.2 Additional health requirements for consignment(s) containing marine ornamental fish:

2.3.2.1 The fish are not sourced from a population associated with any significant infectious disease or pests and there have not been any unusual or substantial outbreaks of infectious fish disease or pests in the areas from which the fish have been collected during the 6 months prior to collection.

2.3.2.2 The fish were collected from an area at least 5 kilometres from any foodfish aquaculture operation and the fish in the consignment have not come into contact with water, equipment or fish associated with farmed foodfish (fish farmed for human consumption including recreational fishing).

[3] Except in the case of export of koi carp.

2.3.2.3 The fish are wild caught and have not been bred or hatched on a farm or other premises.

2.3.3 The aforementioned health certificate may be drawn up taking reference from the model certificate of the Aquatic Animal Health Code of the OIE and shall include the following:

i. The certificate reference number on every page
ii. Name, address, official position, date, signature and official stamp of the CA
iii. A certificate issued shall be valid for 10 days from the date of issue.

3. Labeling of consignments

3.1 The consignment is identified by a legible label on the exterior of every packing bag or container with the following information:

3.1.1 Name of establishment of origin or harvest

3.1.2 Name of importer