

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Frozen/Chilled Uneviscerated Fish Products

(TRANSLATION)

(In case of any discrepancy between the English version and the Chinese text of these Requirements, the Chinese text shall govern.)

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Article 1

1.1 Definition

- 1.1.1 “Internal organs” refers to the organs in the fish abdominal cavity, including the heart, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, stomach, spleen, kidney, swim bladder, intestine and gonads, but excluding the brain and gills.
- 1.1.2 “Eviscerated” refers to the organs in the fish abdominal cavity that have been removed by specific procedures with no obvious, visible viscera preservation.

Article 2

- 2.1 These Requirements are applicable to the importation of the frozen/chilled uneviscerated fish products (hereafter referred to as “fish products”). However, the Quarantine Requirements are not applicable for fish products that have been eviscerated.
- 2.2 The scope of the species and pertinent infectious animal diseases of the aforementioned fish products to which these Requirements apply is shown in the attached table.

Article 3

Sample collection, testing, and surveillance for species and pertinent infectious animal diseases as referred to in these Requirements shall be conducted in

accordance with relevant provisions in the Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals of the World Organisation for Animal Health (hereinafter referred to as the “OIE Aquatic Manual”). For infectious animal diseases with no sampling, testing or surveillance methods prescribed in the OIE Aquatic Manual, methods that have been published in international scientific journals may be used.

Article 4

4.1 The importation of fish products shall comply with all of the following conditions:

4.1.1 Within a period of three months prior to the exportation of fish products, there shall be no incidents of high mortality occurring in that specific species of fish which are caused by infectious diseases or unknown etiology in the water area or aquaculture facility of origin.

4.1.2 Either the water area or aquaculture facility of origin is subject to an official health surveillance scheme conducted by a laboratory designated by the exporting country’s government for the pertinent infectious animal diseases of concern listed in the attached table, and the surveillance results reveal that pertinent infectious animal diseases have not occurred for at least two years in the water area or aquaculture facility of origin; or within the 30 days preceding the exportation of fish products from the water area or aquaculture facility of origin, testing has been conducted by a laboratory designated by the exporting country’s government for the pertinent infectious animal diseases of concern listed in the attached table with the results being negative.

Article 5

The packaging, transportation and disinfection of the fish products shall comply with the relevant Articles of the Aquatic Animal Health Code of the OIE.

Article 6

6.1 The fish products to be imported into Taiwan shall be accompanied by an original health certificate issued by the competent authority of the exporting country. Importers or agents shall apply for quarantine inspection for the fish products

and shall submit original health certificate when arriving at ports or stations. The certificate must specify the following information in English or Chinese:

6.1.1 Animal species and their origin:

6.1.1.1 Scientific names;

6.1.1.2 Name of the water area of origin or the name and address of the aquaculture facility of origin (including Province or Region);

6.1.1.3 Quantity (in thousands) or total weight (in kilograms [kg]);

6.1.1.4 Name of the exporting country;

6.1.1.5 Name and address of the exporter;

6.1.1.6 Name of the exporting country's competent authority.

6.1.2 Destination:

6.1.2.1 Country of destination;

6.1.2.2 Name and address of the importer.

6.1.3 Results of the quarantine inspection:

6.1.3.1 To firmly confirm the compliance with Article 4.1.1 or 4.1.2 and to specify which Article is complied with;

6.1.3.2 If the water area or aquaculture facility of origin complies with Article 4.1.2, the following information shall be specified:

(1) Name of the infectious animal diseases under official surveillance in accordance with Article 2; or

(2) Name of the tested infectious animal diseases, the sample collection date, number of collected samples, name of the testing laboratory, test methods and the results.

6.1.4 Date and place the certificate is issued, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the certifying officer.

Attached table

Species and pertinent diseases of concern for the importation of the frozen/chilled unviscerated products subject to quarantine inspection

No.	Species of fish (Scientific name)	Pertinent diseases of concern
1	<i>Aristichthys nobilis</i>	Spring viraemia of carp
2	<i>Bidyanus bidyanus</i>	Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis
3	<i>Carassius carassius</i>	Spring viraemia of carp
4	<i>Coregonus spp.</i>	Viral hemorrhagic septicaemia
5	<i>Ctenopharyngodon idellus</i>	Spring viraemia of carp
6	<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>	Koi herpesvirus disease
		Spring viraemia of carp
7	<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i>	Spring viraemia of carp
8	<i>Leuciscus idus</i>	Spring viraemia of carp
9	<i>Macquaria australasica</i>	Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis
10	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis
		Infectious haematopoietic necrosis
		Viral hemorrhagic septicaemia
11	<i>Oncorhynchus spp.</i>	Viral hemorrhagic septicaemia
12	<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>	Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis
13	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	Viral hemorrhagic septicaemia
14	<i>Salmo salar</i>	Infectious haematopoietic necrosis
15	<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>	Viral hemorrhagic septicaemia
16	<i>Tinca tinca</i>	Spring viraemia of carp