

Working Group Exercises

Using the Aquatic Code and Manual to Determine Import Conditions for Safe Trade in Aquatic Animal Products

EXERCISE 1: Aquatic Animal Products:

Country B wishes to export cooked giant tiger prawn (*Penaeus monodon*) prawn products to Country C. As the Competent Authority of Country “C” you have been requested by Country “B” to present the import conditions that apply in your country for the importation of cooked giant tiger prawn prawn products.

The Competent Authority of Country “B” has informed you of the following:

1. The products have been produced using a process that involves cooking the product to a temperature of 75°C for at least 30 minutes;
2. Country B has submitted documentation showing that this time/temperature process inactivates VpAHPND);
3. All processing has occurred in a plant accredited to EU and USFDA standards for food safety;
4. The country has reported white spot syndrome each year for the past 6 years;
5. The country has reported yellow head virus positive detections for 3 years, but none in the last year;
6. The country has reported positive detections of *Aphanomyces astaci* in the last 6 months;
7. The country has made self-declaration of freedom from infection with infectious myonecrosis virus and infection with infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis virus;

For this exercise AHPND is considered endemic in both Country “C” and Country “B”.

Task:

As the Competent Authority of Country “C” use the OIE *Aquatic Code* and OIE *Aquatic Manual* to determine whether you will permit importation of the cooked *Penaeus monodon* prawn products, and if so, what **import conditions and requirements** will you request from the Competent Authority of Country “B” for these Aquatic Animal Products. Is there any additional information you require from the Competent Authority of Country B? Justify your decisions with reference to the relevant sections in the *Code* and *Manual*.

As Competent Authority of Country “C” you know that:

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- *Both P. vannamei and P. monodon are grown by farmers in your country;*
- *You have a surveillance programme of prawn farms that involves reporting by farmers and diagnostic laboratories, to the Competent Authority, of suspicion or occurrence of any OIE listed disease, as well as an active surveillance programme for all listed OIE diseases of relevance;*
- *You have reported the occurrence of infection with Taura syndrome virus to the OIE 6 months ago, but otherwise all other results have been negative.*