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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>

 If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 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): Aquatic animals for farming, ornamental use, relaying or depuration, 'put and take' fisheries and other purposes; and live aquatic animals for transit via Great Britain. Transit/storage of live aquaculture animals, fish eggs and uneviscerated fish intended for human consumption (indicative products covered 0301, 0302, 030270, 0303, 0306 or 0307 however, please note, this is not an exhaustive list.)
- 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:** Removal of GBHC672. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:**
- 6. **Description of content:** The United Kingdom is removing from use a redundant model health certificate (GBHC672) for the transit or storage of live aquaculture animals, fish eggs and uneviscerated fish intended for human consumption. This removal is necessary to ensure administrative clarity for trading partners, and to remove a potential biosecurity risk if the certificate were to remain in circulation and improperly used to certify live aquatic animals transiting Great Britain. The United Kingdom does not anticipate any adverse trade impacts from the removal of GBHC672, as the United Kingdom is not aware of any trading partners who currently use it.

Relevant transits should be certified using the import certificate for that commodity, which can be found at the link below:

<u>Model health certificates for exports of live animals and animal products to Great Britain - GOV.UK</u>

- 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: Chapter 5.11

| | [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): |
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| | [] None |
| | Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? |
| | [X] Yes [] No |
| | 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: |
| 10. | Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 31 January 2025 |
| | Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 31 January 2025 |
| 11. | Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 31 July 2025 [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: |
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| 13. | Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry |

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