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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

**1. Notifying Member:** MALAYSIA

**If applicable, name of local government involved:**

**2. Agency responsible:** Fisheries Biosecurity Division, Department of Fisheries (DoF)

**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):** Live Shrimp (including Broodstock and Postlarvae)

**4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**

All trading partners

Specific regions or countries:

**5. Title of the notified document:** The notice of the implementation of biosecurity inspection at foreign hatcheries that wish to export live shrimp (including Broodstock and Postlarvae) to Malaysia. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 2

**6. Description of content:** The Department of Fisheries Malaysia (DoF) intends to implement biosecurity inspection and verification visits at foreign hatcheries that wish to export live shrimp (including broodstock and post-larvae) to Malaysia.

This measure is introduced to strengthen assurance of compliance with Malaysia's aquatic animal health and biosecurity requirements, and to prevent the introduction of serious transboundary aquatic animal diseases, in alignment with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Aquatic Animal Health Code.

The inspection will be conducted on a risk-based and transparent basis, in consultation with the competent authority of the exporting country, and consistent with the principles of equivalence and mutual recognition under the WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement).

**7. Objective and rationale:**  food safety,  animal health,  plant protection,  protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease,  protect territory from other damage from pests. Ensure aquatic animals are disease-free

**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):

World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

- Section: 5 (Trade Measures, Importation/Exportation Procedures and Health Certification),
- Chapter: 5.3. WOAH procedures relevant to the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization,
- Chapter: 5.9. Aquatic animal health measures applicable on arrival.

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><b>[X] Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</b></p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>Fisheries Act 1985, WOAH Aquatic Animal Health Code.</p>	
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 May 2026</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 May 2026</p>	
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 June 2026</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>	
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