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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Revision

1. Notifying Member: <u>MALAYSIA</u> 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): Import condition of live fish (excluding ornamental fish)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Update of the import protocol for live fish into Malaysia (Revision to G/SPS/N/MYS/20). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 32 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01400_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01400_01_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01400_02_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01400_03_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01400_04_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01400_05_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01400_06_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01400_07_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/MYS/26_01400_08_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Department of Fisheries Malaysia, according to Section 40 on Control of Live Fish, Fisheries Act 1985 (Act 317), has reviewed the notification of G/SPS/N/MYS/20* (6 July 2009). This amendment accounts for the reclassification and consolidation of species within their respective commodity groups. Furthermore, it incorporates requirements for disease analysis, biosecurity risks, and the specific purpose of exportation to Malaysia. The purpose of this notification is to inform all countries on the updated protocol for the importation of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Live Fish for Human Consumption;2. Live Fish Broodstock;3. Live Freshwater Fish Fry;4. Live Marine Fish Fry;5. Live Crustaceans Broodstock;6. Live Crustaceans Fry;7. Live Mollusca;8. Live Invertebrates;9. Live Aquatic Plant.

<p>The risk assessment and quarantine requirements for imported live aquatic animals are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Live Fish for Human Consumption (i): The quarantine requirement is determined by the end-use of the consignment. Shipments designated for direct delivery to restaurants for immediate preparation are exempted from quarantine; 2. Other Commodities (ii-ix): The importation risk and mandatory quarantine period are based on a comprehensive assessment that considers the susceptibility of the species, diseases listed as notifiable by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), and other critical biosecurity risks. <p>The main content of the protocol is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import Conditions Prior to Arrival in Malaysia; 2. Animal Health Certification Requirements for the Import of Live Fish into Malaysia; 3. Import Conditions on Arrival in Malaysian Territory. <p>This import protocol mandates that all importers adhere to the stipulated conditions prior to consignment arrival, meet all health certification standards, and comply with all procedures upon arrival in Malaysia, as outlined in Annex I.</p> <p>* Notes: According to Fisheries Act 1985, "Fish" means any aquatic animal or plant life, sedentary or not, and includes all species of finfish, crustacea, mollusca, aquatic mammals, or their eggs or spawn, fry, fingerling, spat or young, but does not include any species of otters, turtles or their eggs.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Fisheries Act 1985 (available on the internet homepage of the DoF https://www.dof.gov.my in English) and WOAH Aquatic Animal Health Code</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 May 2026 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 May 2026</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 June 2026 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>

12. Final date for comments: Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 May 2026

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