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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 and certain products thereof
- 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:** GB lists of susceptible and possible vector species for aquatic animal diseases. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 27
- **6. Description of content:** GB's lists of aquatic animal species that are susceptible to, or act as vectors for, aquatic animal diseases species are being updated to incorporate species that are listed in the relevant disease chapters of the WOAH Aquatic Animal Health Code as susceptible and vector species.

The relevant aquatic animal diseases are listed in:

- a. Commission Regulation (EC) 1251/2008 of 12 December 2008 implementing Council Directive 2006/88/EC as regards conditions and certification requirements for the placing on the market and the import into the Community of aquaculture animals and products thereof and laying down a list of vector species (Assimilated law under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023); and
- b. The Aquatic Animal Health (England and Wales) Regulations 2009, and the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

The revised lists can be found here: <u>Importing or moving live fish and shellfish - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>.

A shortened implementation period is necessary to secure UK's biosecurity.

- 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): Article X.X.2. of the disease specific chapters (Section 9, 10, 11) of the Aquatic Animal Health Code
  - [ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

	[] 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): 10 June 2024
	Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 10 June 2024
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 September 2024
	[ ] 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
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