

Amendment of the Fisheries Resources Conservation Act

The Fisheries Resources Conservation Act will be amended as follows:

	Current provision	Amendment draft
Article 13-2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A person who intends to import seeds of aquatic animals for propagation or aquaculture listed in the Ministerial Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as 'seeds of aquatic animals' in this Article), and/or their packages (including other articles in packages) shall obtain permission issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries before their importation. 2. A person who applies for the permission prescribed in section 1 of this Article shall submit an application to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries which indicates species, quantities, place of origin of seeds of aquatic animals and date and place of import, with certificate issued by the competent authority of the exporting country or its copy to verify that the subject seeds of aquatic animals are free from susceptible diseases listed in the Ministerial Ordinance. 3. The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall, upon receiving an application for the permission prescribed in section 1 of this Article, give the applicant the permission when the Minister considers that the seeds of aquatic animals and/or packages are free from spreading infectious diseases listed in the Ministerial Ordinance. 4. The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall issue the import permit certificate when giving the applicant the permission. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A person who intends to import aquatic animals which are listed in the Ministerial Ordinance as susceptible hosts to diseases which are listed in the Ministerial Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as 'Ministerial Ordinance-listed diseases'), and/or packages (including other articles in the packages) shall obtain permission issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries before their importation. 2. A person who applies for the permission prescribed in section 1 of this Article shall submit an application to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries which indicates species, quantities, place of origin of aquatic animals and date and place of import, with certificate issued by the competent authority of the exporting country or its copy to verify that the aquatic animals are free from Ministerial Ordinance-listed diseases. 3. The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall, upon receiving an application for the permission prescribed in section 1 of this Article, give the applicant the permission if the aquatic animals and/or packages would satisfy one of the following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. certificate attached to the aquatic animals verifies that the aquatic animals are free from spreading Ministerial Ordinance-listed diseases 2. a measure which is prescribed in the following Article makes the aquatic animals be verified that they are free from Ministerial Ordinance-listed diseases. 4. The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries shall issue the import permit certificate when giving the applicant the permission.

<p>Article 13-3</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries considers that the aquatic animals may contain one or any Ministerial Ordinance-listed diseases, due to situations in the exporting country or any other reasons, the Minister may order the person who applies for the permission prescribed in section 1 of Article 13-2 to detain the imported aquatic animals in the way and for the duration which the Ministerial Ordinance prescribes. 2. A person who is ordered to detain the aquatic animals shall have the aquatic animals examined for a diagnosis according to the Ministerial Ordinance, when the person finds or suspects that the aquatic animals are infected with Ministerial Ordinance-listed diseases. 3. A person whose aquatic animals are examined under section 2 of this Article shall detain the aquatic animals in the way which the Ministerial Ordinance prescribes until the person receives the result of the examination.
<p>Article 13-4</p>		<p>If the imported aquatic animals are proved to be infected with Ministerial Ordinance-listed diseases, the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries may order the owner or the person in charge of the aquatic animals and/or their packages to burn, bury or disinfect the aquatic animals, the packages, and/or any other items which are suspicious of being infected with Ministerial Ordinance-listed diseases.</p>