

AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION REPORT

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**CRITERIA TO ASSESS THE SAFETY OF AQUATIC ANIMAL COMMODITIES  
IRRESPECTIVE OF COUNTRY DISEASE STATUS**

1. Absence of disease agent in the traded commodity:
  - 1a. There is strong evidence that the disease agent does not occur in the tissues from which the commodity is derived;

AND

  - 1b. The water used to rear or process the commodity is not contaminated with the disease agent and the processing prevents cross contamination of the final product.

OR
2. Even if the disease agent does occur in the tissues from which the commodity was derived, the processing to produce the final commodity involves processes known to inactivate the disease agent:
  - 2a. Physical (e.g. temperature, drying, smoking);

AND/OR

  - 2b. Chemical (e.g. pH, salting, smoking);

AND/OR

  - 2c. Biological (e.g. fermentation).