

AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION  
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CHAPTER 1.1.1.

**DEFINITIONS**

Article 1.1.1.1.

For the purpose of the *Aquatic Code*:

***Acceptable risk***

means a *risk* level judged by Members to be compatible with the protection of public health, *aquatic animal* health and terrestrial animal health within their countries.

***Approved laboratory***

means a *laboratory* in a Member that is approved by the *Competent Authority* to carry out diagnostic work on *diseases listed by the OIE* and is responsible for health control work.

***Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission***

means the OIE Commission responsible for up-dating the *Aquatic Code* in the intervals between General Sessions of the OIE International Committee. The *Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission* is concerned with *diseases* of fish, molluscs, crustaceans and amphibians.

***Aquatic animal import unit***

means a live *aquatic animal* or its *eggs* or *gametes*, or a specified weight of a product of *aquatic animal* origin.

***Breeding station***

means an *aquaculture establishment* working to improve the genetic standard and production of *aquatic animals*.

***Broodstock***

means sexually mature fish, molluscs or crustaceans.

**Communication**

means the discipline of informing, influencing, and motivating individual, institutional and public audiences, preferably on the basis of interactive exchanges, about any issue falling under the mandate of the OIE and the *Competent Authority*.

**Crisis**

means a time of great danger, difficulty or uncertainty when problems related to any issue falling under the mandate of the OIE and the *Competent Authority* requires immediate action.

**Crisis Communication**

means the process of providing information of a potentially incomplete nature within time constraints that allows an individual, affected and/or interested parties, an entire community or the general public to make best possible decisions and/or accept policy decisions during a crisis.

**Compartmentalisation**

~~means identifying *compartments* for the purpose of *disease control* or *international trade*.~~

**Crustacean products**

~~means *fresh crustaceans*, processed whole crustaceans or edible products of crustaceans that have been subjected to treatment such as cooking, drying, salting, brining, smoking or freezing.~~

**Discharge**

~~means blood or water from the *slaughtering* or *processing* of *aquatic animals*.~~

**Fish products**

~~means *fresh fish*, processed whole fish or edible products of fish that have been subjected to treatment such as cooking, drying, salting, brining, smoking or freezing.~~

**Fish slaughtering premises**

~~means premises used for the *slaughter* of fish for human consumption or other purposes and approved by the *Competent Authority* for export purposes.~~

~~These premises must meet recognised approved standards for the structural and other veterinary hygiene requirements.~~

**Food hygiene**

~~comprises conditions and measures necessary for the production, *processing*, storage and distribution of food of *aquatic animal* origin designed to ensure a safe, sound, wholesome product fit for human consumption or animal feeding.~~

**Free aquaculture establishment**

~~means an *aquaculture establishment* that fulfils the requirements for freedom from *diseases listed by the OIE* according to the relevant chapter in the *Aquatic Code* and approved as such by a *Competent Authority*.~~

**Fresh crustaceans**

~~means crustaceans that have not been subjected to any treatment or that have been subjected to a treatment that has not irreversibly modified their organoleptic or physicochemical characters; for the purpose of the *Aquatic Code*, fresh crustaceans include chilled crustaceans.~~

**Fresh fish**

~~means fish that have not been subjected to any treatment or that have been subjected to a treatment that has not irreversibly modified their organoleptic and physicochemical characters; for the purpose of the *Aquatic Code*, fresh fish include chilled and frozen fish.~~

**Fresh molluscs**

means oysters/mussels that have not been subjected to any treatment or that have been subjected to a treatment that has not irreversibly modified their organoleptic and physicochemical characters; for the purpose of the *Aquatic Code*, fresh molluscs include chilled molluscs.

***Hatcheries***

means *aquaculture establishments* raising *aquatic animals* from fertilised eggs.

***Imported outbreak***

means a *disease outbreak* introduced into a *territory* from another country.

***Infected aquaculture establishment***

means an *aquaculture establishment* in which a *disease* referred to in the *Aquatic Code* has been diagnosed.

***Laboratory***

means a *laboratory* of high technical competence under direct supervision of a *veterinarian* or other person with competent biological training. Through quality controls and monitoring performance, the *Competent Authority* approves such a *laboratory* in regard to testing requirements for export.

***Lot***

means a group of *aquatic animals* of the same species in one *aquaculture establishment* originating from the same spawning population that has always shared the same water supply.

***Marketing***

means placing *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products* on the market.

***Mollusc nurseries***

means *aquaculture establishments* raising young molluscs from metamorphosed larvae to a maximum 11 months.

***Outbreak of disease***

means the sudden ~~an~~ occurrence of *disease* in an *aquatic animal population*.

***Outbreak communication***

means the process of communicating in the event of an *outbreak*. Outbreak communication includes *notification*.

***Ova***

see *eggs* and *gametes*.

***Partial stamping-out policy***

means the carrying out under the authority of the *Competent Authority*, on confirmation of a *disease*, of prophylactic animal health measures consisting of killing selected *lots* of the *aquatic animals* within an *aquaculture establishment*. See also *stamping-out policy*.

***Place of shipment***

~~means the place where the *aquatic animals, aquatic animal products, biological products and pathological material* are loaded into the *vehicle/other transporting units* or handed to the agency that will transport them.~~

***Population***

~~means a group of *units* sharing a common defined characteristic.~~

***Processing***

~~means the subjecting of *aquatic animals* to actions such as gutting, cleaning, filleting, freezing, thawing or packing.~~

***Products of animal origin destined for use in aquatic animal feeding***

~~means meat meal, fish meal, liver meal, bone meal, blood meal, feather meal, scraps of pork fat and milk products when intended for use in *aquatic animal* feeding.~~

***Products of aquatic animal origin destined for human consumption***

~~means *fish, mollusc and crustacean products* intended for human consumption.~~

***Qualitative risk assessment***

~~means an assessment where the conclusions on the likelihood of the outcome or the magnitude of the consequences are expressed in qualitative terms such as high, medium, low or negligible.~~

***Quantitative risk assessment***

~~means an assessment where the outputs of the risk assessment are expressed numerically, as probabilities or distributions of probabilities.~~

***Risk***

~~means the likelihood of the occurrence and the likely magnitude of the consequences of an adverse event to public, *aquatic animal* or terrestrial animal health in the *importing country* during a specified time period.~~

***Risk assessment***

~~means the evaluation of the likelihood and or the biological and economic consequences of entry, establishment, or spread of a *hazard* within the *territory* of an *importing country*.~~

***Risk communication***

~~is the interactive exchange of information on risk and opinions throughout the risk analysis process concerning risk, risk-related factors and risk perceptions among *risk assessors, risk managers, risk communicators, the general public* and other interested parties.~~

***Sanitary measure***

~~means measures such as those described in each chapter of the *Aquatic Code* that are used for *risk* reduction and are appropriate for particular *diseases*.~~

***Sanitary slaughtering***

~~means *slaughtering* of *aquatic animals* according to particular procedures providing safety against the spread of specific infectious agents.~~

***Screening method***

means the laboratory method in the *Aquatic Manual* approved for *surveillance* for a given *disease* referred to in the *Aquatic Code*.

***Sealed vehicle***

means a *vehicle* that is properly sealed so that neither water nor *aquatic animals* can escape during *transportation*.

***Sensitivity analysis***

means the process of examining the impact of the variation in individual model inputs on the conclusions of a *quantitative risk assessment*.

***Sexual products***

means *eggs* and *gametes* of sexually mature *aquatic animals*.

***Shellfish***

means *fresh molluscs* or *fresh crustaceans* or the edible products of these species that have been subjected to treatment by cooking, drying, salting, brining or smoking.

***Shipment***

means a group of *aquatic animals* or *products* thereof destined for *transportation*. See also *place of shipment*.

***Sperm***

means the male *gametes* of *aquatic animals*.

***Subclinical***

means without clinical manifestations, for example a stage of *infection* at which signs are not apparent or detectable by clinical examination.

***Surveillance zone***

means a *zone* in which a systematic series of investigations of a given *population* of *aquatic animals* takes place.

***Transparency***

means comprehensive documentation of all data, information, assumptions, methods, results, discussion and conclusions used in the *risk analysis*. Conclusions should be supported by an objective and logical discussion and the document should be fully referenced.

***Transport***

means movement of *aquatic animals* or *products* thereof to a destination by means of aircraft, motor *vehicle* or boat.

***Uncertainty***

means the lack of precise knowledge of the input values, which is due to measurement error or to lack of knowledge of the steps required, and the pathways from *hazard* or *risk*, when building the scenario being assessed.

***Variability***

means a real-world complexity in which the value of an input is not the same for each case because of natural diversity in a given population.

***Vertical transmission***

means the transmission of a pathogen from a parent *aquatic animal* to its progeny via its *sexual products*.

***Zoning***

means identifying *zones* for the purpose of *disease control* or *international trade*.