

ANNEX:

**QUARANTINE AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR
Channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*)
TO BE EXPORTED TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Channel catfish to be exported to the People's Republic of China should be accompanied by an animal health certificate issued by Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, USA. The certificate should attest to the following:

1. The name and address of government veterinary administration.
2. The names and addresses of importer/consignee and exporter/consignor.
3. Number and species of the fish to be exported.
4. The names, addresses and registered number of the farms.
5. Means of conveyance.
6. Port of despatch.
7. Port of destination.

The health certificate will be accepted only from an authorized inspector properly appointed by the government of the exporting country and borne a signature of government veterinary official.

The government of exporting country or region officially confirm to the following:

1. These farms are not situated in infected zone of CCV (Channel catfish virus), Enteric Septicaemia of catfish (*Edwardsiella ictaluri*), IHN (Infectious haematopoietic necrosis), IPN (Infectious pancreatic necrosis), BKD (Bacterial kidney disease, *Renibacterium salmoninarum*). These diseases did not occur in these farms for a minimum period of 2 years.
2. The fish farms must be inspected twice a year for 2 years at the appropriate life stage

of the fish and at times of the year according to requirement of “OIE diagnostic manual for aquatic animal diseases (1997)”. Sampling and examination of fish with

negative test results of CCV, *Edwardsiella ictaluri*, IPN, IHN,

Renibacterium salmoninarum should be carried out.

3. Prior to shipment, the channel catfish for export shall be quarantined for at least 30 days. These shall be examined clinically and be healthy, and found free from signs of any infectious and contagious diseases.
4. Water for transportation of exported fish shall be disinfected and free from any pathogens.