

Requirements for Importation of live carps, *Cyprinus carpio* into Thailand for Culture Purpose

The Department of Fisheries (DoF) has re-viewed the previous requirements for importation of live carps, *Cyprinus carpio*, into Thailand for culture purpose dated on 24th November 2005 in order to meet the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Agreement of the WTO. Since the new Office International des Epizooties (OIE) Manual for koi herpesvirus (KHV) diagnosis published in 2007, the diagnostic technique to demonstrate freedom for imported live carps against KHV shall follow the OIE Manual.

This is to notify that the previous import requirements for live carps dated 24th November 2005 shall be replaced with the following requirements.

The imported live common carp and koi carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) subject to be quarantined at the approved quarantine zone of the importing companies for at least of 21 days. Health inspectors will inspect the animals in the quarantine zone and will take samples for laboratory tests.

A health certificate must be presented at the port of entry together with the aquatic animal shipment. The health certificate must be issued by competent authority, signed by veterinarian or authorised officer and contained information as follows;

1. Name and address of exporter
2. Name and address of destination/importer
3. Name (scientific and common name), size and number of **common carp and koi carp**
4. Origin of the **common carp and koi carp** to be exported.
5. The **common carp and koi carp** must come from a country, a zone or a farm establishment where they are submitted to a health supervision set up to operate according to the procedures described in the *Diagnostic Manual for Aquatic Animal Diseases* from OIE and that this country, zone, or farm establishment is recognized officially unaffected by the KHV and Spring viraemia of carp virus (SVCV) or OIE listed diseases.
6. The exported animals must not come from the sources that had an un-usual mortality during the previous 3 months, which the causation could not be explained.
7. Before exportation, the **common carp and koi carp** must be quarantined for 7-10 days and treated with chemicals to remove all external parasites.
8. The model Health Certificate for live fish suggested by the OIE that covered the KHV and SVCV certification shall be used.