



Draft Commission Implementing Regulation amending the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 concerning listed diseases of aquatic animals and the list of species and groups of species posing a considerable risk for the spread of those diseases

SANTE/7070/2021

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Consultations to date

- Working Group of Aquatic Experts
- Discussion Document presented at April PAFF
- Written comments by 22nd April
- Presented for discussion and vote today

Rationale for proposed amendment

- Aquatic species list set out in the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 – very similar to the species list set out under Directive 2006/88/EC and Regulation (EC) 1251/2008 – major revision was not completed when Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 was drafted
- The OIE has recently reviewed the aquatic species which are susceptible to a number of the diseases listed in the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Code
- A number of those diseases are also listed in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 and the species which are listed concerning those diseases are set out in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882
- In the interest of seeking an appropriate level of convergence with OIE standards, and to ensure the list reflects latest scientific knowledge, it is appropriate to review the list of susceptible species which are set out in the table in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882

Approach taken

- Request made to EURLs in context of Article 94(2)(f) of Regulation (EU) 2017/625: *‘providing scientific and technical assistance to the Commission within the scope of their mission’*.
- EURL for Fish and Crustacean Diseases and EURL for Mollusc Diseases convened 3 small groups of experts which completed systematic assessments of the species which are susceptible to the listed diseases
- Assessments completed by the EURLs took into account the methodology for species listing set out in Chapter 1.5. of the OIE Aquatic Code and concerned species which are susceptible to the listed diseases
- Details of proposed listing for each disease presented at April PAFF meeting

What will change?

- Rows 51 to 63 (inclusive) of the table in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 deal with aquatic diseases and set out:
 - Name & category of the listed disease (1st and 2nd columns respectively)
 - Listed species – susceptible and vector (3rd and 4th columns respectively)

The substantive changes proposed in this amendment concern susceptible species (3rd column)

- Also proposed to use scientific names only (in alphabetical order), as the scientific name will always remain constant, whilst common names may not

In the table, rows 51 to 63 covering the listed diseases and their categories and listed species of aquatic animals are replaced by the following:

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<i>NAME OF LISTED DISEASE</i>	<i>CATEGORY OF LISTED DISEASE</i>	<i>LISTED SPECIES</i>	
		<i>SPECIES AND GROUP OF SPECIES</i>	<i>VECTOR SPECIES</i>
Epizootic <u>haematopoietic</u> necrosis	A+D+E	<u><i>Ameiurus melas</i></u> , <u><i>Bidyanus bidyanus</i></u> , <u><i>Esox lucius</i></u> , <u><i>Galaxias olidus</i></u> , <u><i>Gambusia affinis</i></u> , <u><i>Gambusia holbrooki</i></u> , <u><i>Macquaria australasica</i></u> , <u><i>Melanotaenia fluviatilis</i></u> , <u><i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i></u> , <u><i>Perca fluviatilis</i></u> , <u><i>Sander lucioperca</i></u>	<u><i>Aristichthys nobilis</i></u> , <u><i>Carassius auratus</i></u> , <u><i>Carassius carassius</i></u> , <u><i>Cyprinus carpio</i></u> , <u><i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i></u> , <u><i>Leuciscus</i> spp.</u> , <u><i>Rutilus rutilus</i></u> , <u><i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i></u> , <u><i>Tinca tinca</i></u>
Viral <u>haemorrhagic</u> <u>septicaemia</u>	C+D+E	<u><i>Alosa immaculata</i></u> , <u><i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i></u> , <u><i>Ambloplites rupestris</i></u> , <u><i>Ammodytes hexapterus</i></u> , <u><i>Aplodinotus</i></u>	<u><i>Acipenser baerii</i></u> , <u><i>Acipenser gueldenstaedtii</i></u> , <u><i>Acipenser ruthenus</i></u> , <u><i>Acipenser stellatus</i></u> , <u><i>Acipenser sturio</i></u> , <u><i>Ameiurus</i></u>

Feedback on Discussion Document: species listed

- Comments from two MSs concerning the species set out in the Annex to SANTE/7070/2021
- Commission responded verbally at April PAFF meeting, & subsequently in writing to one MS
- Another MS drew attention to issues which may arise due to the listing of *Danio rerio* as susceptible to VHS (Zebra fish often used for research purposes)
 - Comment concerns import and movement rules, more than species listing
 - Reflect
 - Flexibilities already exist concerning aquatic animals destined for confined establishments for research purposes
- No other comments received concerning the species which are proposed for listing in the Annex to SANTE/7070/2021

Feedback on Discussion Document: scientific name / common name

- **Verbal feedback** received at April PAFF meeting, requesting that common names should be retained
- **Written feedback** – contrary views expressed
- Some strongly in favour of **listing only scientific names**:
 - Incorrect or unclear common names may lead to animals being moved between Member States with the wrong certificate or without a certificate where a certificate would have been needed => may result in the transmission of a listed disease.
- Others in favour of **listing both scientific and common names**
 - To facilitate non-scientists e.g. operators and control services, and to ensure CA will not need to create parallel lists for common species

Summary & Proposal

- **Annex** to the draft Implementing Regulation sets out proposed amendment to **rows 51-63** of the table in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882 concerning species which are **susceptible to** certain listed diseases
- Propose to **keep only scientific names in the Implementing Regulation** to avoid errors which may result in disease spread
- To accommodate the comments made by certain Member States concerning common names => construct a list, which will be available on **DG SANTE website**, which will **list both scientific and common names**
- The **common names** will be based on **internationally recognised databases** e.g. FAO 'Term Portal' and WoRMs (World Register of Marine Species) => will facilitate CAs and stakeholders
- Easy access for CAs and stakeholders

Thank you



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