

Guidelines on the completion of the EU animal health certificate for import into GB of tropical species of fish, mollusc and crustacean intended for closed facilities

Notes:

Tropical species are considered those not capable of surviving in the natural aquatic environment of GB.

In GB closed facilities include those where importers hold imported tropical ornamental species of fish, molluscs and/ or crustacea.

The health certificate as per the model at Annex IV Part B of Commission Regulation 1251/2008 – as amended by Commission Regulation 346/2010 should be used for any consignments containing only tropical species of fish, molluscs and/ or crustacean destined for the ornamental market.

EUS certification does not apply to ornamental imports until January 2011, any attestation in relation to this disease can be removed until then.

Consignments must originate from a country which is an OIE member or EU specified Pacific territory.

In the majority of cases consignments of tropical ornamental species contain no susceptible species. In such a case the disease declarations at II.2, II.3 and II.5 can all be deleted/ crossed through leaving only the general requirements at II.1 and transport and labelling requirements at II.4.

The Certificate:

- Part I:

Complete all appropriate boxes including Box I.11 listing site(s) of origin i.e. for a consolidator all farms the fish originate from.

- Part II

Throughout this part of the health certificate declarations must be made about the consignment, appropriate declarations should be highlighted and/ or inappropriate declarations must be deleted.

II.2 – appropriate declarations must be retained if susceptible species are present.

II.3 - appropriate declarations must be retained if susceptible species are present.

II.4 – refers to the consignments labelling. Option 1 ‘intended for closed ornamental facilities’ should be chosen.

II.5 – is not required, because if susceptible species are present in the consignment the Annex IV, Part A health certificate should be used instead.

The form must be stamped, signed and dated at the end.

Please note – Certifying officials should only complete declarations that apply to the fish/ mollusc/ crustacean in the consignment and their site of origin. Certifying officials should not follow this guidance in order to meet GB entry requirements. False declarations could threaten the disease status of the receiving site and ultimately lead to the removal of the country from the permitted list if problems are found by the EU-FVO inspectors.