

Guidance for completing the 'Model Animal Health Certificate for Entry into the Union of Aquatic Animals intended for certain aquatic establishments, for release into the wild or for other purposes, excluding human consumption (Model 'Aqua-Entry-Estab/Release/Other')

The below information is based on advice found in Chapter 2 of Commissioning Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2235.

General:

1. To select an option, either tick (/) or mark the relevant box with a cross [x].
2. Strikeout irrelevant attestations: i.e. ~~Strike through~~

Specific:

Box/Item	Comment
I.1	Name and Australian address of exporter
I.2	Number/code will be entered by the departmental officer at the time a health certificate and export permit are issued.
I.2a	IMSOC reference is to be struck out.
	QR Code is to be struck out
I.3	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
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I.5	Name and address of the person who will receive the consignment in the EU member state (i.e. the importer).
I.6	Name and EU member state address of the person who will be in charge of the consignment when the animal(s) in the crate(s) presented to the EU Border Inspection Post (BIP) / Border Control Post (BCP) for clearance.
I.7	Australia and ISO Code 'AU'
I.8	Australia and ISO Code 'Au-0'
I.9	EU member state where the consignment is being imported.
I.10	EU member state where the consignment is being imported and region code (where the region code is known)
I.11	Australian address where the animals are kept and from where they departed for the EU
I.12	Name and address in EU member state where animal(s) are destined EU Registration/Approval No. is only required where this is known.
I.13	Name and address of the place where the animals are loaded for export from Australia e.g. Melbourne Airport, Tullamarine
I.14	Scheduled date and time of departure
I.15	Select 'Aircraft' and insert flight number
I.16	Name of EU Border Control Post where consignment will enter the EU. Contact details for EU BCP are available on the EU's website: ec.europa.eu/food/animals/veterinary-border-control/contact-details-bcps-veterinary_en#EU

I.17	Include all official and commercial documents and declarations, including their serial number and country of issue (where relevant), which will accompany the animals to the EU including: a. the airway bill number b. CITES permit number (where relevant) c. invasive alien species (IAS) permit number (where relevant)
I.18	Transport conditions are to be struck out.
I.19	Container Number and Seal Number may be inserted (if applicable). Only the official seal number needs to be included where relevant. More than one container and seal number are possible.
I.20	The exporter must check with their importer as to which option is appropriate: Further keeping: animals intended for establishments keeping live animals including for research purposes or for pet keepers, unless a more specific purpose or category applies to them as set out below. It also includes animals, which are intended to restock game supplies or to be released into the wild, if those are intended to pass through an establishment before being released. Confined establishment: As defined in Article 4(48) of Regulation (EU) 2016/429. Quarantine or similar establishment: As provided for in Article 15 or Article 16 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/691 about aquaculture animals. Relaying area: as defined in Article 2(4) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/691. Purification centre: as defined in Article 2(2) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/691. Release into the wild: concerns only live animals, which are to be released into the wild at the place of destination. Ornamental aquaculture establishment: as provided for in Article 17 or Article 18 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/691. Other: intended for purposes not listed elsewhere in this classification, including aquatic animals intended for fishing baits.
I.21	Strike this out if the animals are destined to an EU member state. If the animal(s) are transiting through the EU to another market, select this option and enter the ISO country code of the final destination country.
I.22	Select this option if the animal is destined to an EU member state. Strike this out if the animals are transiting through the EU to another country.
I.23	For re-entry is to be struck out.
I.24	Enter number of packages
I.25	Enter total number of aquatic animals in the consignment
I.26	Enter the estimated weight of the animal(s) excluding their travelling crate(s), containers and transport equipment.

I.27	Complete the following: CN Code: As defined by the EU and provided by the importer Species: Species name (<i>scientific name</i>) Category: Nature of commodity: Type of packaging: Identify the type of packaging according to the definition given in Recommendation No 21 (9) of UN/CEFACT (United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business). Number of packages: Age: Days, months or years Quantity: Number of animals Net weight: Kilograms
II.1	For the purposes of the attestations that refer to relevant diseases in Annex 1 to Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692, relevant listed diseases of aquatic animals include: — Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis — Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia — Infectious haematopoietic necrosis — Infection with highly polymorphic region (HPR) deleted infectious salmon anaemia virus — Koi herpes virus — Infection with Mikrocyclos mackini — Infection with Perkinsus marinus — Infection with Bonamia ostreae — Infection with Bonamia exitiosa — Infection with Marteilia refringens — Infection with Taura syndrome virus — Infection with yellow head virus — Infection with white spot syndrome virus
II.2	Relevant for aquatic animals originating from an aquaculture establishment. May be struck-through if wild-caught AND will <u>not</u> be released into the wild. If intended for confined establishment, ensure in box I.20 to select 'confined establishment' which meets requirements in Article 6(d) of Delegated Regulation 2020/990. If wild-caught AND will be released into the wild, retain this statement.
II.3.1	Insert AU where requested in this attestation.
II.3.2	Clinical inspections must occur in accordance with Article 166 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 by ensuring they: - occur within a period of 72 hours prior to the time of loading

	- are performed by a registered veterinarian, or - are performed by an aquatic animal health professional approved by the department prior to export. If the exporter elects to use an aquatic animal health professional, they must be approved by the department prior to clinical inspection. The exporter must apply to their regional office for each consignment and set out the experience, qualifications or training to show the person can be considered an aquatic animal health professional. As part of their application, the exporter must outline any real or perceived conflicts of interest the aquatic animal health professional has with their export operations, and how these will be managed. The department will then consider the information provided and approve or decline the exporters use of the aquatic animal health professional on a consignment by consignment basis. Appropriate training or qualifications may include: - Formal qualifications in aquatic animal health, such as a Bachelor in Marine Science - State or territory government authorised officers that perform fish inspections - Extensive, relevant aquaculture industry experience
II.4.1	For listed species: retain each clause as per the susceptibility for the given pathogen For unlisted species: The requirements are determined by the importing EU Member State, and the importer should request this information in writing from the EU Member State government officials directly. If the EU Member State advise the use of this Model HC for unlisted species, then strike through these clauses. Per notes in part II, some clauses are applicable in all cases for animals to be released into the wild.