

# COASTAL AQUACULTURE AUTHORITY

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## **Decisions taken during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Technical Committee**

The following decisions taken during the Second Meeting of the Technical Committee constituted to oversee and monitor the functioning of the Aquatic Quarantine Facility held on 8th September, 2009 shall come into force with immediate effect:

1) **Quarantine period:** The quarantine period has been reduced to five days as per the gazette notification dated 31st August, 2009 by the Government of India (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries).

2) **Five days gap in the quarantine between two consignments:** There shall be a five days gap between two consecutive stocking of brood stock at the quarantine for the purpose of dis-infection, sterilization, etc.

3) **Health certificate and package slip:** The brood stock importers should make available a copy of the health certificate and package details to the Aquatic Quarantine Facility at Neelankarai in addition to the submission of these documents to the Regional Officer (Southern Region), Animal Quarantine and Certification Services, Pallikaranai, Chennai.

4) **Fee for use of incinerator:** All the packing materials including the cartons, thermocol boxes and poly-bags used in the imported consignment should be incinerated in the incineration facility available at AQCS, Pallikaranai for which a fee of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) per cubicle shall be charged from the importer. This incineration fee may be paid in the form of demand draft drawn in favour of the Regional Officer (Southern Region), Animal Quarantine and Certification Services, Pallikaranai, Chennai and shall be deposited at the Aquatic Quarantine Facility along with the quarantine fee. The Aquatic Quarantine Officer at Neelankarai shall forward these demand drafts meant for incineration fee to the Regional Officer (Southern Region), Animal Quarantine and Certification Services, Pallikaranai, Chennai periodically for which receipts will be provided by the Regional Officer (Southern Region), Animal Quarantine and Certification Services, Pallikaranai, Chennai.

5) **Import of brood stock during the months of October and November:** As the salinity of sea water around the quarantine area at Neelankarai starts declining from the middle of October onwards, importers are advised that the brood stock may be acclimatized before they are imported to suit such conditions. The quarantining of the brood stock during this period of low salinity shall be done on production of an undertaking as provided in the application form.

6) **Shut down period of quarantine:** The quarantine may be shut down for annual maintenance during the period from 6th December to 5th January every year.

7) **Mortality during quarantine period:** The Aquatic Quarantine Facility will not be responsible for any mortality during quarantine period and no claim whatsoever shall be entertained in this regard.

8) **Charging for the extra brood stock supplied by the suppliers to compensate loss during shipment:** The actual number of animals permitted in the letter of permit issued to the importer would alone be taken into consideration for quarantine purposes including fee for quarantine irrespective of the additional animals provided by the suppliers to compensate any loss during the shipment.

9) **Application form:** The application form for reservation of space in the Aquatic Quarantine Facility for *L. vannamei* has been **slightly revised and put up for the use of importers.**

**Member Secretary, CAA &  
Chairman, Technical Committee,  
Aquatic Quarantine Facility**