

F. No. 35027/6/2013-Fy (H&D)Pt.(E-20392)
Government of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Department of Fisheries

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 08th February, 2023

Subject: Allowing the import of Specific Pathogen Free (SPF) brood stock of crustaceans from South East Asian countries- regarding.

Considering the increased demand for crustacean brood stocks from diversified sources for sustained growth of aquaculture in the country, the Ministry after careful examination has decided to accept the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted vide order No. 35027/6/2013-Fy(H&D)Pt. (E-20392) dated the 05th July, 2022 and in supersession of the orders issued vide letter No.35027/6/2013-Fy (H&D) dated 21st May, 2013, has decided to allow import of SPF brood stock of crustaceans from South East Asian countries subject to strict compliance of the following measures:

- a. Strengthening the biosecurity and compliance mechanism for such imports include testing of animals, and containers water for Acute Hepato Pancreatic Necrosis Disease (AHPND) causing organisms and complete disinfection of the above in case AHPND is detected.
 - b. Stringent audit of the facility from where the stocks are sourced and of the diseases surveillance methods in the country of origin and detailed interaction with the Authority issuing SPF certificates to satisfy that robust mechanisms are in place in the country of origin before empaneling the suppliers of SPF brood stock.
 - c. Strengthening the mechanisms of traceability at hatchery and farm level to identify source of infection at the earliest in case of any disease outbreaks.
 - d. Gathering of information from the Competent Authorities of the countries importing such SPF crustacean brood stocks so that failure on part of the suppliers to ensure SPF status is detected before hand.
 - e. Updating the National Action Plan for AHPND (2016) developed by CIBA and circulating the same to all State/UT Departments of Fisheries for implementation.
2. The same procedures as listed above will apply to import of *Artemia* from South East Asian countries.


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Fisheries Development Commissioner

To

1. Member Secretary, Coastal Aquaculture Authority (CAA), Chennai
2. Joint Secretary (IF), Department of Fisheries, New Delhi
3. Joint Secretary (Trade), Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, New Delhi
4. Chairman, Marine Products Export Development Authority, Kochi
5. Director, Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai
6. Director, RGCA-MPEDA, Sirkali, Tamil Nadu

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1. Addl. Chief Secretaries/ Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries, Department of Fisheries of all the States/UTs
2. The Deputy Director General (Fisheries), ICAR, New Delhi
3. All offices of Animal Quarantine and Certification Services.
4. Shri Niyathi Joshi Director (FS): To post this communication on website of the Department of Fisheries


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