

Annex 4. Item 5. – Work Programme for the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

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Aquatic Code					
Ch. 4.2.	Application of zoning	Revision of the chapter following the update to Ch. 4.3. to focus on the application of zoning.	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	3
Ch. 4.3.	Application of compartmentalisation	Revision of the chapter to focus on compartmentalisation. Members engaged through a questionnaire and discussion paper.	Preparatory work - new chapter for consideration at Feb 2025 meeting	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	1
Ch. 4.6.	Contingency planning	Removal of the chapter following the adoption of Ch 4.X. 'Emergency disease preparedness' and Ch. 4.Y. 'Disease outbreak management'.	Proposed for adoption in May 2025	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	1
Ch. 4.7.	Fallowing in aquaculture	Review of Ch. 4.7. following the drafting of Ch. 4.X. 'Emergency disease preparedness' and Ch. 4.Y. 'Disease outbreak management'.	Preparatory work - revised chapter for consideration at Feb 2025 meeting	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	2
Ch. 4.X.	Emergency disease preparedness	Development of a new draft chapter based on the article structure circulated in the Feb 2021 Part B AAHSC report.	Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025)	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2023/3)	1
Ch. 4.Y.	Disease outbreak management	Development of a new draft chapter based on the article structure circulated in the Feb 2021 Part B AAHSC report.	Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025)	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2023/3)	1

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Ch. 4.Z.	Control of pathogenic agents in traded milt and fertilised eggs of fish	Development of a new draft chapter.	Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025)	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2023/3)	1
Ch. 5.1.	General obligations related to certification	Update certification procedures to align with Codex (e-certification).	Preparatory work	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	3
Ch. 5.2.	Certification procedures	Update certification procedures to align with Codex (e-certification).	Preparatory work	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	3
Ch. 5.11.	Model health certificates for international trade in live aquatic animals and aquatic animal products	Update certification procedures to align with Codex (e-certification).	Preparatory work	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	3
Ch. 5.X.	Movement of ornamental aquatic animals	Development of a new draft chapter.	Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025)	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2023/3)	1
Ch. 6.2.	Principles for responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in aquatic animals	Consider the next steps of the work on antimicrobial use in aquatic animals standards. This is included in the Aquatic Animal Health Strategy and the Aquatic AMU/AMR workplan.	Preparatory work	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	2
Section 7	Welfare of farmed fish	Possible amendments and revision of standards on aquatic animal welfare, as part of the Aquatic Animal Health Strategy.	Preparatory work	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	3
Disease-specific chapters	Articles X.X.5., X.X.6. and X.X.7.	Recommendations for periods of basic biosecurity conditions and targeted surveillance for the disease-specific chapters.	Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025)	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	1

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Ch. 8.1.	Infection with <i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis</i>	Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	3
Ch. 8.2.	Infection with <i>Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans</i>	Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	4
Ch. 8.3.	Infection with <i>Ranavirus</i> species	Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	4
Ch. 9.2.	Infection with <i>Aphanomyces astaci</i> (Crayfish plague)	Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Preparatory work	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	3

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Ch. 9.9.	Infection with white spot syndrome virus	Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025)	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Feb 2024/2)	1
Ch. 10.2.	Infection with <i>Aphanomyces invadans</i> (Epizootic ulcerative syndrome)	Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Circulated for comments	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	1
Ch. 10.8.	Infection with red sea bream iridovirus	Removal of the chapter following the change in listing of 'infection with red sea bream iridovirus' to 'infection with <i>Megalocytivirus pagrus 1</i> '	Proposed for adoption in May 2025	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	1
Ch. 10.X.	Infection with <i>Megalocytivirus pagrus 1</i>	Development of draft new chapter 10.X. 'Infection with <i>Megalocytivirus pagrus 1</i> ' following the change in listing of 'infection with red sea bream iridovirus' to 'infection with <i>Megalocytivirus pagrus 1</i> '	Circulated for comments	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	1
Ch. 11.6.	Infection with <i>Perkinsus olseni</i>	Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025)	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Feb 2024/2)	1

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Ch. 11.7.	Infection with <i>Xenohaliotis californiensis</i>	Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Circulated for comments	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	1
N/A	Emerging diseases	Review emerging diseases	Standing agenda item	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	1
Aquatic Manual					
Ch. 1.1.2.	Validation of diagnostic assays for infectious diseases of aquatic animals	New chapter for validation of diagnostic assays for infectious diseases of aquatic animals.	Preparatory work - new chapter for consideration at Feb 2025 meeting	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	1
Ch. 2.1.1.	Infection with <i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis</i>	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	4
Ch. 2.1.1.	Infection with <i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis</i>	Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	3

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Ch. 2.1.2.	Infection with <i>Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans</i>	Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	4
Ch. 2.1.3.	Infection with <i>Ranavirus</i> species	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	4
Ch. 2.1.3.	Infection with <i>Ranavirus</i> species	Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	4
Ch. 2.2.2.	Infection with <i>Aphanomyces astaci</i> (Crayfish plague)	Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Preparatory work	Pending the assessments of the AHG	3
Ch. 2.2.5.	Infection with infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis virus	Revision of Section 6.1.2. 'Definition of confirmed case in apparently health animals'.	Preparatory work	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	1

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Ch. 2.2.9.	Infection with white spot syndrome virus	Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025)	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Feb 2024/2)	1
Ch. 2.3.2.	Infection with <i>Aphanomyces invadans</i> (Epizootic ulcerative syndrome)	Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025)	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	1
Ch. 2.3.7.	Infection with red sea bream iridovirus	Removal of the chapter following the change in listing of 'infection with red sea bream iridovirus' to 'infection with <i>Megalocytivirus pagrus 1</i> '	Proposed for adoption in May 2025	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	1
Ch. 2.3.9.	Infection with spring viraemia of carp virus	Review the validation or publication of real-time PCR assays	Preparatory work	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	3
Ch. 2.3.X.	Infection with tilapia lake virus	New chapter for tilapia lake virus which was listed in the <i>Aquatic Code</i> in May 2022	Preparatory work - New chapter for consideration at Feb 2025 meeting	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	2
Ch. 2.4.2.	Infection with <i>Bonamia exitiosa</i>	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	Circulated for comments	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	1
Ch. 2.4.3.	Infection with <i>Bonamia ostreae</i>	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	Circulated for comments	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	1

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Ch. 2.4.5.	Infection with <i>Perkinsus marinus</i>	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	Not started	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	4
Ch. 2.4.6.	Infection with <i>Perkinsus olseni</i>	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	Preparatory work - revised chapter for consideration at Feb 2025 meeting	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	2
Ch. 2.4.6.	Infection with <i>Perkinsus olseni</i>	Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Circulated for comments (proposed for adoption in May 2025)	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Feb 2024/2)	1
Ch. 2.4.7.	Infection with <i>Xenohalotis californiensis</i>	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	Preparatory work - revised chapter for consideration at Feb 2025 meeting	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report	2
Ch. 2.4.7.	Infection with <i>Xenohalotis californiensis</i>	Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. Update the susceptible species list in each chapter following an assessment against the criteria outlined in Ch. 1.5. 'Criteria for listing species as susceptible to infection with a specific pathogen'.	Circulated for comments	Refer to Sep 2024 AAHSC report (Sep 2024/1)	1

* Description of priority order	
1	- active work for the AAHSC - to be put forward for next meeting agenda
2	- active work for the AAHSC - to be included in next meeting agenda if time allows, depending on other progress
3	- not immediate work for the AAHSC - needs to progress before consideration for next meeting agenda
4	- not active - not to be immediately started

List of abbreviations	
AHG	<i>Ad hoc</i> Group
Ch	Chapter
HQ	WOAH Headquarters
AAHSC	Aquatic Animal Health Standard Commission