

# USA Comments -- Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

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## CHAPTER 4 . 1 . 2 .

### WHITE SPOT DISEASE

**General Comment:** The United States supports the changes proposed for this chapter. We are recommending some changes to the wording for clearer understanding. These few changes are shown in “red font” or as a strike-through. One comment is also made as shown below.

Article 4.1.2.3.

#### Commodities

1. When authorising the importation or transit of the following *commodities*, the *Competent Authorities* of the *importing country* should not require any WSD related conditions, regardless of the WSD status of the *exporting country*, *zone* or *compartment*.
  - a) For the species referred to in Article 4.1.2.2. for any purpose:
    - i) ...
    - iv) crustacean meals or by-products made non-infectious by heating or drying (e.g. flame dried or sun dried);

**Comment:** The United States recommends either specifying how this status should be demonstrated, or listing the recommended temp/time parameters, or using the following language: ‘...*crustacean meals or by-products that have been treated in a manner that ensures inactivation of the disease agent*’.

Article 4.1.2.4.

#### White spot disease free country

A country may make a *self-declaration of freedom* from WSD if it meets the conditions in points 1, 2, 3 or 4 below.

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OR

4. A country that has previously made a *self-declaration of freedom* from WSD but in which the *disease* is subsequently detected may ~~not~~ make a *self-declaration of freedom* from WSD again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:

a) ...

Article 4.1.2.5.

**White spot disease free zone or free compartment**

...

OR

4. A *zone* previously declared free from WSD but in which the *disease* is detected may ~~not~~ be declared free from WSD again ~~until~~ **when** the following conditions have been met:

a) ...