



## **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF AQUATIC ANIMALS DESTINED FOR CLOSED ORNAMENTAL FACILITIES**

### INTRODUCTION

This note applies to imports into Spain of aquatic animals destined for closed ornamental facilities (e.g.: animals intended for aquariums).

For those species 'not listed' by disease in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882, Member States shall lay down the requirements for entry into the Union on the basis of national rules.

### CONDITIONS

To import commercial ornamental aquatic animals, they must comply with the following conditions:

- They come from an authorised country.
- They are accompanied by an official certificate.

#### 1. Authorised country

For the specific case of imports into the EU of non-sensitive (NOT LISTED) ornamental aquatic animals to any of the diseases listed in the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1882, they shall be allowed to come from third countries or territories:

- Are members of the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) and regularly submit information on their health status in the category 'Aquatic Animals'; or

(Note: These countries can be consulted on the following website:

<https://wahis.woah.org/#/dashboards/country-or-disease-dashboard>

- Listed in Annex XXI to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 and have signed a formal agreement with the WHOA to regularly send information on their animal health status to the members of that organization.

However, imports from Malaysia of fish species, *Carassius auratus*, *Ctenopharyngodon idellus*, *Cyprinus carpio*, *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*, *Aristichthys nobilis*, *Carassius carassius* and *Tinca tinca* from the cyprinid family, and their eggs and gametes, shall be suspended in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1252/2008.

#### Note:

For ornamental molluscs and crustaceans (LISTED), they shall only be allowed to come from third countries or territories listed in Part 1 of Annex XXI, Section B of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404



2. Health certificate

The animals must be accompanied by a health certificate in accordance with the AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER model established in Annex II of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/2236, which is registered at the national level with the reference IMP-AQUA-ENTRY-ESTAB/RELEASE/OTHER and replaces the IMP-186 model of official certificate for the entry into Spain of unlisted aquatic animals destined for closed facilities.

Since non-listed species are not susceptible to the diseases indicated in section II.4 of the health attestation, it may appear crossed out in its entirety.

3. Establishment of origin and destination

It shall be verified that the consignment is intended for an establishment approved in accordance with Article 17 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/691.

To do this, the importer can submit a registration letter from the Autonomous Community, or the TRACES NT database will be consulted when the destination of the consignments is in Spain:

[Listas de establecimientos - TRACES NT \(europa.eu\)](#)