

Amendments to the WOAH *Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals*

CONSIDERING THAT

1. The content of the WOAH *Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals* (the *Aquatic Manual*) is the result of modifications made by the World Assembly of Delegates during previous WOAH General Sessions,
2. Members were asked for the comments of their specialists for each new or revised chapter of the *Aquatic Manual* before it was finalised by the Aquatic Standards Commission,
3. It is necessary to update the *Aquatic Manual* in accordance with amendments proposed by the WOAH Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (Annexes 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of Document 93 GS/Tech-07).

THE ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES

1. To adopt the following updates to the *Aquatic Manual* chapters proposed in the Annexes of Document 93 GS/Tech-07 in English, the text being authentic:

Sections 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. of Chapter 2.2.2. 'Infection with *Aphanomyces astaci* (crayfish plague)' (Annex 18)

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In Section 2.2.1. 'Susceptible host species', to delete "(all species)" on the three occasions where it occurs following "spp.", and to replace "no common name" with "N/A" on the two occasions where it occurs

In Section 2.2.2. 'Species with incomplete evidence for susceptibility', to delete the line "*Austropotamobius torrentium*" [scientific name] and "stone crayfish" [common name] from the table of species for which there is incomplete evidence to fulfil the criteria for listing as susceptible to infection with *A. astaci* according to Chapter 1.5. of the *Aquatic Code*, and to replace "no common name" with "N/A" on the six occasions where it occurs

Chapter 2.4.5. 'Infection with *Perkinsus marinus*' (Annex 19)

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In Section 2.2.2. 'Species with incomplete evidence for susceptibility' to correct the scientific name from "*Crassostrea gasar*" to "*Crassostrea tulipa*"

In Section 3.2. 'Selection of organs or tissues', to replace "or" with "and" before "mantle tissue" in the last sentence

To place “[Under study]” the definitions of a suspect case in apparently healthy and in clinically affected animals and the definitions of a confirmed case in apparently healthy and in clinically affected animals outlined in Section 6.1. ‘Apparently healthy animals or animals of unknown health status’ and Section 6.2. ‘Clinically affected animals’

Chapter 2.4.6. ‘Infection with *Perkinsus olseni*’ (Annex 20)

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

In Section 3.2. ‘Selection of organs or tissues’ to add “and optionally foot” to the organs used for histology and add “digestive gland” to the organs recommended for PCR

To place “[Under study]” the definitions of a suspect case in apparently healthy and in clinically affected animals and the definitions of a confirmed case in apparently healthy and in clinically affected animals outlined in Section 6.1. ‘Apparently healthy animals or animals of unknown health status’ and Section 6.2. ‘Clinically affected animals’

Chapter 2.4.7. ‘Infection with *Xenohaliotis californiensis*’ (Annex 21)

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

To place “[Under study]” the definitions of a suspect case in apparently healthy and in clinically affected animals and the definitions of a confirmed case in apparently healthy and in clinically affected animals outlined in Section 6.1. ‘Apparently healthy animals or animals of unknown health status’ and Section 6.2. ‘Clinically affected animals’

Update on viral taxonomy in Scope of Chapters 2.2.3., 2.2.5., 2.2.6., 2.2.7., 2.2.8., 2.2.10., 2.3.2., 2.3.4., 2.3.5., 2.3.6., 2.3.8., 2.3.9., 2.3.10., and 2.4.1. (Annex 22)

With the amendments approved by the Assembly:

To add “infectious” before “decapod iridescent virus 1” in the scope of Chapter 2.2.3. ‘Infection with infectious decapod iridescent virus 1’

To reinstate “the non-pathogenic” before “full length highly polymorphic region” in the scope of Chapter 2.3.4. ‘Infection with HPR-deleted or HPR0 infectious salmon anaemia virus’

2. To ask the Director General to publish the adopted text in a revised edition in the on-line version of the *Aquatic Manual*.
