
Annex 4. Item 4. – Work Programme for the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission 2025–2027

Norway	<p>Category: General</p> <p>Proposed amended text: not relevant</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <p>Norway supports the Work Programme.</p> <p>Regarding items listed with priority order 2, we hope that Chapter 4.2. Application of zoning will be included in next meeting agenda due the close link between this chapter and Chapter 4.3. Application of compartmentalisation.</p> <p>Supporting evidence: not relevant</p>
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Aquatic Code					
Ch. 1.1.	Notification of diseases, and provision of epidemiological information	Discussed with Code Commission to ensure consistency and clarity on revisions.	First circulation for comments.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Feb 2026/1)	1
Ch. 1.4.	Aquatic animal disease surveillance	Reviewed Ch. 1.4. to consider if revision required following the update of Ch. 4.3.	First circulation for comments	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Feb 2026/1)	1
Ch. 4.2.	Application of zoning	Draft revision of the chapter taking into account work in <i>Terrestrial Code</i> .	Preparatory work	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report	2
Ch. 4.3.	Application of compartmentalisation	Revision of the chapter to focus on compartmentalisation. Members engaged through a questionnaire and discussion paper.	Circulated for comments	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Feb 2025/3)	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'.	To be proposed for adoption in May 2026.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Feb 2025/3)	1

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Section 5	Trade measures, importation/exportation procedures and health certification	Revision of chapters in Section 5 to ensure useability for trade purposes	To discuss priority of chapters to revise at September 2026 meeting.	Refer to Sept 2025 AAHSC report (Sept 2025/1)	1
Ch. 5.Y.	New introductory chapter to Section 5	Taskforce between AAC and TCC convened and drafted chapter.	First circulation for comments.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Feb 2026/1)	1
Ch. 5.1.	General obligations related to certification	Update certification procedures to align with Codex (e-certification).	<i>Ad hoc</i> Group to convene in summer 2026.	Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report	2
Ch. 5.2.	Certification procedures	Update certification procedures to align with Codex (e-certification).	<i>Ad hoc</i> Group to convene in summer 2026.	Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report	2
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).	<i>Ad hoc</i> Group to convene in summer 2026.	Refer to Feb 2025 AAHSC report	2
Ch. 6.2.	Principles for responsible and prudent use of antimicrobial agents in aquatic animals	<i>Ad hoc</i> Group provided Commission with draft chapter.	First circulation for comments.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Feb 2026/1)	1
Section 7	Welfare of farmed fish	Commission reviewed report on current science for welfare of farmed fish and to publish for Member consultation.	Request Member feedback on papers prepared by service provider.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report	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 Feb 2026 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 Feb 2026 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 Feb 2026 AAHSC report	4
Ch. 9.2.	Infection with <i>Aphanomyces astaci</i> (Crayfish plague)	Updated 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'.	To be proposed for adoption in May 2026.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sept 2025/1)	1
Ch. 10.3.	Infection with <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i>	Revised the usage of pathway 2 to declare freedom from disease, following discussion at 2025 General Session	To be proposed for adoption in May 2026.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sep 2025/1)	1

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Ch. 10.4.	Infection with salmon anaemia virus	Revised the targeted surveillance required for HPR0 for declaring a free compartment.	To be proposed for adoption in May 2026.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sep 2025/1)	1
Disease-specific chapters	Update viral names in X.X.1.	Update the viral names of relevant pathogenic agents based on current information in ICTV	To be proposed for adoption in May 2026.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sept 2025/1)	1
Disease-specific chapters	Model Article X.X.7.	Revise article on freedom of compartments to reflect revisions on Chapter 4.3.	First circulation for comments	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Feb 2026/1)	1
N/A	Emerging diseases	Review emerging diseases	Standing agenda item	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report	1
<i>Aquatic Manual</i>					
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 – revision of chapter ongoing.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report	1
Ch. 2.1.0.	General Information	To create a general information chapter.	Not started	Refer to Sept 2025 AAHSC report	4
Ch. 2.1.1.	Infection with <i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis</i>	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	Preparatory work – looking for appropriate experts	Refer to Feb 2026 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 Feb 2026 AAHSC report	4

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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 Feb 2026 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 Feb 2026 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 Feb 2026 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'.	To be proposed for adoption in May 2026.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sept 2025/1)	1
Ch. 2.2.5.	Infection with infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis virus	Expert consultation to update EVE in chapter.	Expert consultation	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report	2

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Ch. 2.3.5.	Infection with infectious haematopoietic necrosis virus	Update the real-time PCR assays following publication of new peer-reviewed validated methods.	Preparatory work	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report	1
Ch. 2.3.7.	Infection with <i>Megalocytivirus pagrus1</i>	New chapter for infection with <i>Megalocytivirus pagrus1</i> , which was listed in the <i>Aquatic Code</i> in May 2024	Preparatory work – interlaboratory comparison	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report	1
Ch. 2.3.9.	Infection with spring viraemia of carp virus	Update the real-time PCR assays following publication of new peer-reviewed validated methods	Preparatory work	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report	2
Ch. 2.3.X.	Infection with tilapia lake virus	New chapter for infection with tilapia lake virus, which was listed in the <i>Aquatic Code</i> in May 2022	Preparatory work	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report	1
Ch. 2.4.2.	Infection with <i>Bonamia exitiosa</i>	Update the case definition	Circulated for comments	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sep 2025/2)	1
Ch. 2.4.3.	Infection with <i>Bonamia ostreae</i>	Update the case definition	Circulated for comments	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sep 2025/2)	1
Ch. 2.4.4.	Infection with <i>Marteilia refringens</i>	Update the case definition	Circulated for comments	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sep 2025/2)	1
Ch. 2.4.5.	Infection with <i>Perkinsus marinus</i>	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	To be proposed for adoption in May 2026.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sep 2025/2)	1
Ch. 2.4.6.	Infection with <i>Perkinsus olseni</i>	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	To be proposed for adoption in May 2026.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sep 2025/2)	1
Ch. 2.4.7.	Infection with <i>Xenohaliotis californiensis</i>	Update the chapter to the new template for disease-specific chapter.	To be proposed for adoption in May 2026.	Refer to Feb 2026 AAHSC report (Sep 2025/2)	1

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Disease specific	Update of tables 2.2.1. and 2.2.2. of susceptible species	Review susceptible species tables.	Not started	Will be included in September 2026 agenda	2

* 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