

Comments on February 2020 Draft of the Aquatic Code and Manual Text

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OIE draft	Proposed alternatives	Rationale
<p>Glossary</p> <p>Vector means any living organism, other than susceptible species, that transports a pathogenic agent to a population of susceptible species.</p>		<p>We support this amendment.</p>
<p>Chapter 2.3.3.</p> <p>Infection with <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i></p>		<p>We support this amendment.</p>
<p>Chapter 2.3.6.</p> <p>Infection with <i>salmonid alphavirus</i></p> <p>2.4.1. Vaccination</p> <p>The vaccines may cause a risk of false positives, both in serological and PCR-based tests, according to data presented by vaccine companies. However, reports from the field indicates that false positives to serological tests do not occur after sea transfer. To prevent false positives by RT-PCR, sampling from vaccinated individuals should use heart tissue to avoid opening the abdominal cavity.</p>		<p>We recommend to add the source of the reference in the content of "Vaccination (2.4.1)" in order to provide readers who can further understand the problems of false positive results that may be caused by vaccines.</p>