

CHAPTER 5.8.

FRONTIER POSTS IN THE IMPORTING COUNTRY

Article 5.8.1.

The *Competent Authority* shall provide specified *frontier posts* with an office comprising personnel, equipment and premises as the case may be and, in particular, means for:

- 1) detecting and isolating *aquatic animal* populations affected with or suspected of being affected with a *disease*;
- 2) carrying out *disinfection* of *vehicles* used to transport *aquatic animals* and *aquatic animal products*;
- 3) making clinical examinations and obtaining specimens of material for diagnostic purposes from live *aquatic animals* or carcasses of *aquatic animals* affected or suspected of being affected with a *disease*, and obtaining specimens of *aquatic animal products* suspected of contamination.

Furthermore, it is preferable that each port and international airport be provided with equipment for the sterilisation or incineration of any material dangerous to *aquatic animal* health.

Article 5.8.2.

When required by international traffic in transit, airports shall be provided, as soon as possible, with areas of direct transit; these must, however, comply with the conditions required by the *Competent Authority*.

Article 5.8.3.

Each *Veterinary Authority* shall keep at the disposal of the OIE *Headquarters* and any interested country on request:

- 1) a list of specified *frontier posts* and processing plants for *aquatic animals* in its *territory* that are approved for *international trade*;
- 2) the period of time required for notice to be given for the application of the arrangements contained in paragraph 2 of Articles 5.9.1. and 5.9.2.;
- 3) a list of airports in its *territory* that are provided with an area of direct transit.

NB: FIRST ADOPTED IN 1995; MOST RECENT UPDATE ADOPTED IN 1997.

