

ANNEX VII TO CHAPTER 4

REGIONALISATION / ZONING, PEST-FREE AREAS AND PROTECTED ZONES**A. Animal and aquaculture diseases****1. Animal diseases**

The basis for recognition of the animal disease status of a Party or a region thereof shall be the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE. The basis for regionalisation decisions for an animal disease shall be the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the OIE.

2. Aquaculture diseases

The basis for regionalisation decisions for aquaculture diseases shall be the Aquatic Animal Health Code of the OIE.

B. Pests

The criteria for the establishment of pest-free areas or protected zones for certain pests shall comply with the provisions of either:

- the FAO International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures No 4 on Requirements for the establishment of pest-free areas and the definitions of the relevant ISPMs, or
- Article 2(1)(h) of Directive 2000/29/EC.

C. Criteria for the recognition of the special status for animal diseases of the territory or a region of a Party

1. Where the importing Party considers that its territory or part of its territory is free from an animal disease other than those listed in Annex III.A., it shall present to the exporting Party appropriate supporting documentation, setting out in particular the following criteria:

- the nature of the disease and the history of its occurrence in its territory;
- the results of surveillance testing based on serological, microbiological, pathological or epidemiological investigation and on the fact that the disease must by law be notified to the competent authorities;
- the period over which the surveillance was carried out;
- where applicable, the period during which vaccination against the disease has been prohibited and the geographical area concerned by the prohibition;
- the arrangements for verifying the absence of the disease.

2. The additional guarantees, general or specific, which may be required by the importing Party must not exceed those, which the importing Party implements nationally.

3. The Parties shall notify each other of any change in the criteria specified in paragraph 1 which relate to the disease. The additional guarantees defined in accordance with paragraph 2 may, in the light of such notification, be amended or withdrawn by the SPS Sub-Committee referred to in Article 74 of this Agreement.
