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### India Amends Guidelines for White Leg Shrimp Imports

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**Report Highlights:**

On June 19, 2012, the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India amended guidelines regulating quarantine for the import of *Litopenaeus vannamei* (White Leg Shrimp). Under the amendment, Indian imports of *Litopenaeus vannamei* brood stock will no longer be subject to a pre-quarantine test for *Baculovirus penaei*. The amendment has not yet been notified to the World Trade Organization.

**General Information:**

**Introduction:** On June 19, 2012, the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India amended guidelines regulating quarantine for the import of *Litopenaeus vannamei* (White Leg Shrimp). Under the amendment, Indian imports of *Litopenaeus vannamei* brood stock will no longer be subject to a pre-quarantine test for *Baculovirus penaei*. The original guidelines on *Litopenaeus vannamei* imports were issued on October 15, 2008 (see GAIN IN8132). The amendment has not yet been notified to the World Trade Organization.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

**Type of Regulation:** Final

**Publication Date:** June 19, 2012

**Date of Implementation:** June 19, 2012

**WTO Notification Date:** Not notified (as of July 6, 2012)

**Products Affected:** *Litopenaeus vannamei* (White Leg Shrimp)

**Agency in Charge:** Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

**Proposed Changes:** Under the amendment, Indian imports of *Litopenaeus vannamei* brood stock will no longer be subject to a pre-quarantine test for *Baculovirus penaei*.

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**(Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries)**  
**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 19th June, 2012

**S.O. 1392(E).**—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 and section 3A of the Live-stock Importation Act, 1898 (9 of 1898), the Central Government hereby makes the following amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries) published vide number S.O. 2482(E), dated the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, in Part II, section 3, sub-section (ii) of the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, dated the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, namely:-

In the said notification, in the Schedule, in paragraph 3.0, in item one,-

under the third point, the entry at Sl. No. 5. '*Baculovirus penaei* (BP) (OIE listed)' shall be deleted and consequently, the third point shall be read as:

- o "A certificate indicating that the batch of exported broodstock was held in pre-quarantine for a period of 12 days and the results of the tests for the following pathogens should be included.

1. Taura syndrome virus (TSV) (OIE listed)
2. Yellowhead virus (YHV) (OIE listed)
3. Infectious myonecrosis virus (IMNV) (OIE listed)
4. Infectious Hypodermal and Haematopoietic Necrosis Virus (IHHNV) (OIE listed)
5. White spot syndrome virus (WSSV) (OIE listed)
6. Necrotising hepatopancreatitis bacterium  $\alpha$ -Proteobacterium (NHPB)<sup>1</sup>."

[F. No. 35029/8/2009-Fy(Trade)]

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**Note.**— The principal notification was published vide No. S.O. 2482 (E), dated the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-Section (ii), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 and subsequently amended vide number S.O. 2213(E) dated the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009 and S.O. 783(E) dated the 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2011.