

General Authority

Import of Live Marine Fin Fish

Animal Health Act 1995
Section 18

1. I, Kevin de Witte, being and as the Chief Veterinary Officer under the *Animal Health Act 1995* (the Act), and acting pursuant to section 18 of the Act, hereby issue a general authority, subject to the conditions below, for the import into Tasmania of live marine fin fish.
2. This general authority is subject to the following conditions and restrictions:
 - (a) fish that may reasonably be suspected of being infested or infected with –
 - (i) any List A disease or List B disease; or
 - (ii) any new or unknown disease –
must not be imported into Tasmania;
 - (b) the import into Tasmania of –
 - (i) a controlled fish within the meaning of the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*; or
 - (ii) a noxious fish within the meaning of the *Living Marine Resources Management Act 1995*; or
 - (iii) any fish or class of fish included on the prohibited fish list maintained by the Chief Veterinary Officer; or
 - (iv) any salmon –
is not authorised by this authority;
 - (c) fish imported into Tasmania under this authority must be accompanied by a written declaration, in a form approved by the Chief Veterinary Officer, and signed by the consignor of the imported fish, which must include accurate details as to –
 - (i) the quantity, species, health and provenance of the fish; and
 - (ii) the fish were bred in Australia or imported into Australia according to the requirements of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment;
and
 - (iii) any other information or evidence that may reasonably be required by an inspector in respect of the proposed import;
 - (d) fish imported into Tasmania under this authority must be housed in closed-circuit aquaria and may not be placed into aquarium systems that discharge into any Tasmanian waterway;
 - (e) all imported water used to carry any imported fish must only be discharged into a municipal sewerage system which has a treatment works with a Level 2 classification under the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* unless otherwise approved in writing by an inspector;

- (f) any imported material (including dead fish) that has been in contact with any imported fish, or water used to carry any imported fish, must be disposed of hygienically at a waste facility approved by a municipal authority established under the *Local Government Act 1993*.
3. This authority takes effect on that date of its publication in the Gazette and remains in force until the repeal of the Act, unless sooner revoked.
 4. This authority is issued for the purpose of section 18 the Act and does not authorise the importation of any fish in contravention of any other Act or law.
 5. For the purposes of this authority –

the Act means the *Animal Health Act 1995*

fish has the same meaning as in the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995*, and includes the ova and milt of any fish;

marine fin fish means any fish belonging to the class *Osteichthyes*, *Chondrichthyes*, or *Agnatha* that normally lives and reproduces in marine or estuarine waters;

salmon has the same meaning as in the *Inland Fisheries Act 1995* and includes the ova and milt of any salmon.

Signed

Dr Kevin de Witte
Chief Veterinary Officer
Dated: 4 January 2021