



Protocol for the translocation of all native freshwater finfish juveniles (excluding *Lates calcarifer*) – Qld and NSW Governments.

1. Prior to shipment into NSW a random sample of at least 60 juveniles, up to 3cm, from each individual batch to be translocated, are to be forwarded for testing by histopathology to a competent authority.
2. The permit holder may only import a batch into NSW where:
 - a. The competent authority has provided a pathology report and certificate of disease status; and
 - b. The batch has been certified free of evidence of disease agents by the competent authority.
3. The health certificate or pathology report for each batch of juveniles must be received by NSW DPI no later than two working days prior to the expected date of shipment of juveniles.
4. The permit holder may only import a batch into NSW where the batch has been certified free of evidence of disease agents by the pathology report for that batch of juveniles.
5. Water for transport of juveniles must previously be filtered to a screen diameter of less than or equal to 20.0 microns or the removal of organics which may contain potential pathogens for example by treatment with Chlorine, and subsequent dechlorination before use of the water.
6. Where consignments of fingerlings are small and a box is used the containers must be new, i.e. not previously used. Where consignments are large i.e. bulk, these containers should be disinfected prior to subsequent use by immersion in a solution containing a minimum of 200ppm active chlorine for a minimum of 15 minutes, or other equivalent means of disinfection.
7. All juveniles entering NSW under this protocol must be transported directly to the area within which the permit holder is authorised to undertake aquaculture.
8. The relevant pathology report for a specific consignment remains valid for 14 days from the date of signing by the authorised officer. If unusual clinical signs or mortalities are observed during this period pre-shipment, they must be reported immediately to the appropriate authority.
9. Post-arrival of any shipment, any unusual clinical signs or mortalities in the stock must be reported immediately to the appropriate authority. If directed, specimens must be forwarded to a veterinary laboratory as specified by an authorised officer.
10. A statement of compliance with this protocol must accompany every shipment and must include:
 - a. A copy of the pathology report, and



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- b. A hatchery operator declaration that states juveniles were reared from clinically healthy broodstock and that all fish being transported are healthy and have not shown signs of disease.