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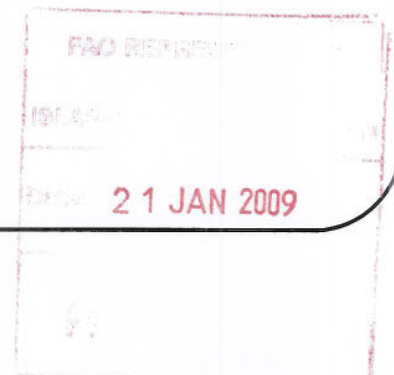
His Excellency

Excellency,

Reference is made to your letter No. FIS/1 dated Dec.30 2008 concerning the Draft Technical Guidelines Document on Aquaculture Certification .

According to the comments forwarded by the Iran Fisheries Co, I would like to bring your attention the following points :

- 1- Under sub-title "Animal health and welfare " before Clause 20 , since word "aquaculture " covers all Marine Animals and plants " so it is better to use "Aquatics " as a general word instead of "Animals " and the above sub title should be changed to the following .terms "Aquatics' Health and Welfare" ,
- 2- Under paragraph 22 , in the last part , "infectious agent pathogenic to" may be replaced by " pathogens to " ,
- 3- Under paragraph 27 , instead of "veterinary drugs and antibiotics" it is better to use word " medicines " to cover biological products ,
- 4- Under paragraph 33 in the last part terms "and aquatics " may be added before " health" as to be converted into " human and aquatics health " ,
- 5- Under paragraph 52 , word " monitoring " should appear after word "evolution " ,
- 6- Under paragraph 57, the last sentence as already been mentioned in paragraph 52 , no needed to repeat again,



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7- Under paragraph 58, the following sentence should be included: "Guidelines for responsible movement of alien species should be fully considered".

It is kindly appreciated if you could consider the above comments and let us know your advise.

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