**Annex 4. Item 7.1. – Article 9.3.1. of Chapter 9.3. Infection with NHP**

CHAPTER 9.3.

INFECTION WITH HEPATOBACTER PENAEI (NECROTISING HEPATOPANCREATITIS)

Article 9.3.1.

For the purposes of the *Aquatic Code*, infection with *Hepatobacter penaei* (necrotising hepatopancreatitis)means *infection* with the *pathogenic agent Candidatus* *~~Hepatobacter penaei~~* Hepatobacter penaei, an obligate intracellular bacterium of the Family Holosporaceae of the Order Rickettsiales~~alpha-Proteobacteria~~. ~~The~~ *~~disease~~* ~~is commonly known as necrotising hepatopancreatitis.~~

Information on methods for *diagnosis* is provided in the *Aquatic Manual*.

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