

# Export of LIVE FISH to EU requirements and how to meet them

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# Exporting seafood to the EU



- As a **general principle**, seafood can be exported to the EU only by approved countries and approved establishments (processing plants, factory or freezing vessels, brokers).
- For **aquaculture** products (including live bivalve mollusks), only approved establishment can export from approved production zones or areas.



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**A) LIST OF COUNTRIES:** *Commission Decision 2006/766/EC* lays down the list of countries and territories from which imports of fishery products and bivalve mollusks, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods are permitted

**B) LIST OF ESTABLISHMENTS:** *Art 12 of Reg. 854/2004* is the only legal basis for any establishments' lists and it applies both to "new" and "updated" lists (see points 4(a) and 4(b) of Art. 12).

*The same document will be also available in the specific section of the SANCO-Europa website dedicated to the third country establishments lists ([http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/establishments/third\\_country/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/establishments/third_country/index_en.htm)).*



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A) LIST OF COUNTRIES: [Commission Decision 2006/766/EC, ANNEX II](#)

L 320/56	EN	Official Journal of the European Union	18.11.2006
ANNEX II			
List of third countries and territories from which imports of fishery products in any form for human consumption are permitted			
(Countries and territories referred to in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) No 854/2004)			

AU — AUSTRALIA	HK — HONG KONG
BD — BANGLADESH	HN — HONDURAS
BG — BULGARIA (?)	HR — CROATIA



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## B) LIST OF ESTABLISHMENTS:

([http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/establishments/third\\_country/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/biosafety/establishments/third_country/index_en.htm))

COUNTRY SECTION	Croatia (Local Name: Hrvatska) Fishery products	Validity date from 18/10/2011		00067		
		Date of publication 05/10/2011				
List in force						
Approval number	Name	City	Regions	Activities	Remark	Date of request
677	Irda d.o.o.	Daruvar	Bjelovarsko-Bilogorska	PP	Aq	

### Activities Legend :

CS Cold Stores  
PP Processing Plant

### Remarks Legend :

32 Cold store only  
Aq Aquaculture product (farmed product except bivalve molluscs)



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## AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS:

The products coming from aquaculture within the EU and from any third country must broadly be equivalent in terms of animal health requirements.

THE LEGISLATION COVERING AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS IS MADE OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

- [Commission Decision 2003/858/EC](#) laying down the animal health conditions and certification requirements for imports of live fish, their eggs and gametes intended for farming, and live fish of aquaculture origin and products thereof intended for human consumption; as amended by [Commission Decision 2004/454/EC](#).
- The animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products are defined in [Directive 2006/88/EC](#).



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# Commission decision [2003/858/EC](#), close examination

## *Article 1*

### **Scope**

1. This Decision establishes harmonised animal health rules for the importation of:

- (a) [live fish](#), their eggs and gametes, intended [for farming](#) in the Community;
- (b) [live fish](#) of aquaculture origin intended [for restocking](#) of put-and take fisheries in the Community;
- (c) [live fish](#) of aquaculture origin and products thereof, intended [for immediate human consumption or further processing before human consumption](#).



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# Commission decision 2003/858/EC, close examination

## *Article 3*

Conditions for importation of live fish, their eggs and gametes intended **for farming**, and of live fish of aquaculture origin **for restocking of put-and take fisheries**, within the European Community

**1) Member States shall authorise the importation into their territory live fish, their eggs and gametes for farming only if:**

- (a) the fish originate in a territory listed in Annex I;
- (b) the consignment complies with the guarantees, including those for packaging and labelling and the appropriate specific additional requirements, as laid down in the animal health certificate, drawn up in conformity with the model in Annex II, taking into account the explanatory notes in Annex III;
- (c) the fish have been transported under conditions not altering their health status.



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# Commission decision [2003/858/EC](#), close examination

## Annex I

Territories from which importation of certain species of live fish, their eggs, and gametes intended for farming in the European Community (EC) are authorised

Country		Territory		Specific requirements <sup>(1)</sup>						Comments <sup>(2)</sup>
ISO-code	Name	Code	Description	VHS	IHN	SVC	BKD	IPN	G. salaris	
CG	Congo									Carps only
HR	Croatia									
MK <sup>(3)</sup>	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia									Carps only



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## Annex II

### MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF <sup>(1)</sup> [LIVE FISH, EGGS AND GAMETES FOR FARMING] <sup>(1)</sup> [LIVE FISH OF AQUACULTURE ORIGIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF <sup>(1)</sup> [HUMAN CONSUMPTION] <sup>(1)</sup> [RE STOCKING OF PUT AND TAKE FISHERIES]] INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC)

*Note for the importer: This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and has - in its original - to accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.*

Reference Code No		ORIGINAL
<b>1. Exporting country and authorities involved</b>	<b>3. Destination of the consignment</b>	
1.1. Exporting country: .....	3.1. Member State: .....	
1.2. Competent authority: .....	(1) [3.2. Zone or part (3) of the Member State: .....]	
1.3. Competent issuing authority: .....	(1) [3.3. Farm, name: .....]	

## Annex III

### Explanatory notes

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|--|---|
| (a) The certificates shall be produced by the competent authorities of the exporting country, based on the appropriate model appearing in Annex II, IV, or V to this Decision taking into account the use to which the fish are to be put after the arrival to the EC. | (e) The original of the certificate must be completed on the day of loading the consignment for exportation to the EC with an official stamp and signed by an official inspector designated by the competent authority. In doing so, the competent authority of the exporting country shall ensure that the principles of certification equivalent to those laid down in Council Directive 96/93/EC are followed. |
| (b) Considering the status of the place of destination as regards viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS), infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN), spring viraemia  |   |



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Conditions for importation of live fish, their eggs and gametes intended for farming, and of live fish of aquaculture origin for restocking of put-and take fisheries, within the European Community

**2. Member States shall authorise the importation into their territory live fish of aquaculture origin, their eggs and gametes intended for direct restocking of put-and take fisheries only if:**

- (a) the consignment comply with the rules laid down in paragraph 1;
- (b) the put and take fishery do not represent lakes or unenclosed waters



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## Article 4

### Conditions related to importation of live fish of aquaculture origin for human consumption

(a) the consignment complies with the conditions laid down in Article 3 paragraph 1 and Article 7 paragraph 1 of this Decision;

or

(b) the fish are sent directly to an approved import centre to be slaughtered and eviscerated.

## Article 7 Certification

1. In the **case of live fish**, their eggs and gametes, the competent authority at the border inspection post in the Member State of arrival shall complete the document referred to in Annex of Commission Decision 92/527/EEC (1) with one of the statements laid down in **Annex VI to this Decision** as appropriate.



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## Annex VI

### Model animal health certificate for the importation of fish products of aquaculture origin into the European Community (EC) for further processing before human consumption

Reference Code No

ORIGINAL

*Note for the importer:*

*The present consignment must be shipped immediately, without breaking, to be retailed for further processing before human consumption.*

*Processing of fish products of aquaculture origin must take place in approved import centres unless eviscerated before dispatch, or the place of origin has a health status at least equivalent to the place where they are to be processed, in particular as regards the diseases epizootic haematopoietic necrosis (EHN) as well as the diseases referred to in lists I and II, column 1, of Annex A to Directive 91/67/EEC.*

*This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and has — in its original — to accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.*

**1. Animal health attestation for importation into the European Community of fish products of aquaculture origin for further processing before human consumption**

I, the undersigned official inspector, hereby certify that the fish products of aquaculture origin referred to in this certificate:



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## *Article 8*

### **Preventing contamination of natural waters**

1. Member States shall ensure that imported live fish of aquaculture origin and products thereof intended for human consumption are not introduced into, and do not contaminate any natural waters within their territory.
2. Members States shall ensure that transport water from imported consignments does not lead to contamination of natural waters within their territory.



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## Directive 2006/88/EC., close examination

Directive 88/2006, is already transposed and implemented into Croatian national legislation:

1. Veterinary Act (O.G. 41/07)

1. Ordinance (OG 42/08) / Council Directive 2006/88 EU - Animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals



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# Directive [2006/88/EC](#), close examination [...certain diseases in aquatic animals]

## ANNEX IV - Part II listed diseases

	DISEASE	SUSCEPTIBLE SPECIES
FISH	<del>Spring viraemia of carp (SVC)</del>	<del>Bighead carp (<i>Aristichthys nobilis</i>), goldfish (<i>Carassius auratus</i>), crucian carp (<i>C. auratus</i>), grass carp (<i>Ctenopharyngodon idellus</i>), common carp and koi carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>), silver carp (<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i>), sheatfish (<i>Silurus glanis</i>) and tench (<i>Fuca tinca</i>)</del>
	Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS)	Herring ( <i>Clupea</i> spp.), whitefish ( <i>Coregonus</i> spp.), pike ( <i>Esox lucius</i> ), haddock ( <i>Gadusa aeglefinus</i> ), Pacific cod ( <i>G. macrocephalus</i> ), Atlantic cod ( <i>G. morhua</i> ), Pacific salmon ( <i>Oncorhynchus</i> spp.) rainbow trout ( <i>O. mykiss</i> ), rockling ( <i>Onos mustelus</i> ), brown trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> ), turbot ( <i>Scophthalmus maximus</i> ), sprat ( <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> ) and grayling ( <i>Thymallus thymallus</i> )
	Infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN)	Chum salmon ( <i>Oncorhynchus keta</i> ), coho salmon ( <i>O. kisutch</i> ), Masou salmon ( <i>O. masou</i> ), rainbow or steelhead trout ( <i>O. mykiss</i> ), sockeye salmon ( <i>O. nerka</i> ), pink salmon ( <i>O. rhodurus</i> ) chinook salmon ( <i>O. tshawytscha</i> ), and Atlantic salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> )
	Koi herpes virus (KHV) disease	Common carp and koi carp ( <i>Cyprinus carpio</i> ).
	Infectious salmon anaemia (ISA)	Rainbow trout ( <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> ), Atlantic salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> ), and brown and sea trout ( <i>S. trutta</i> ).



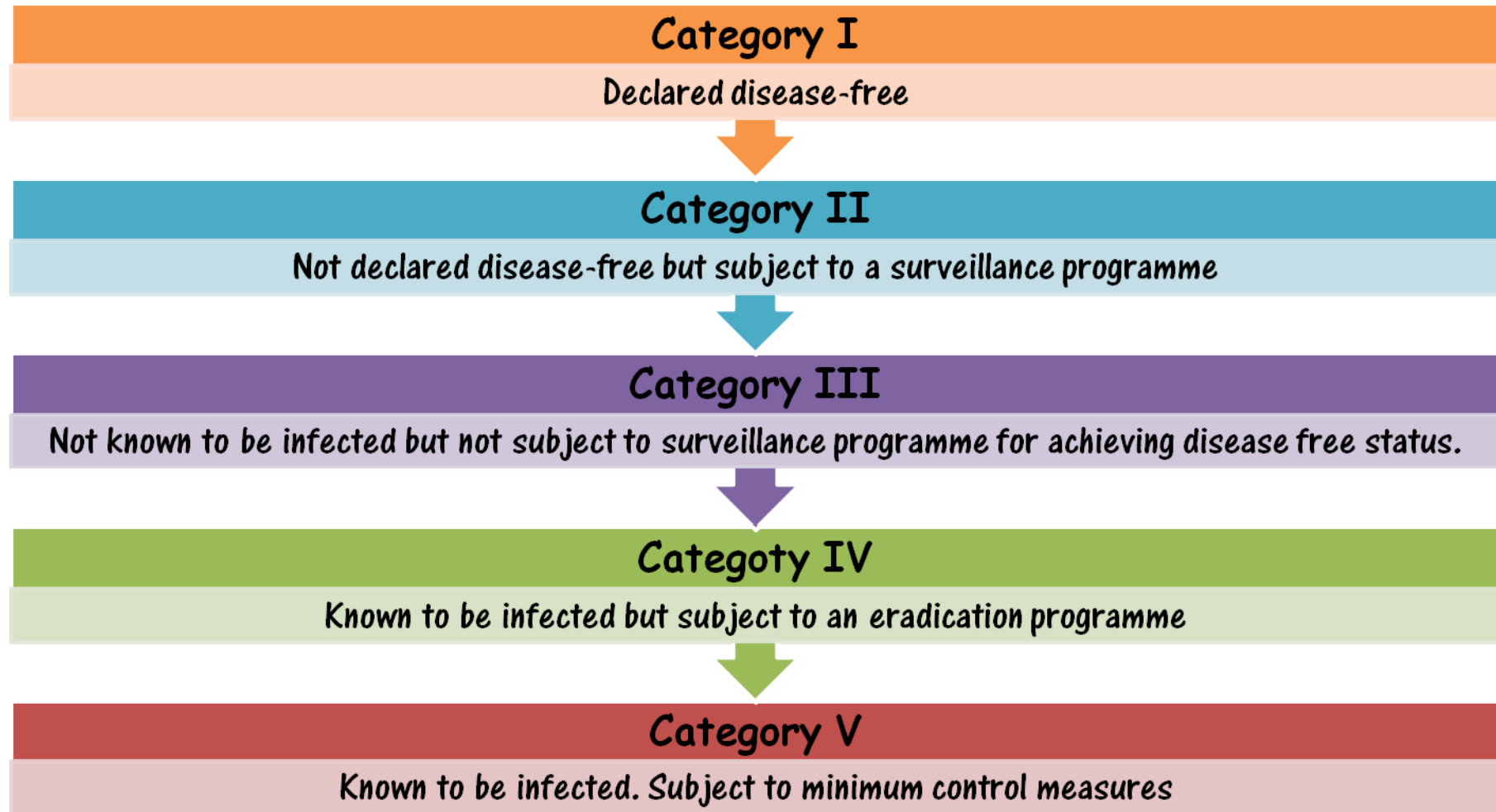
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Farm's **Health status**, definitions:



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# Directive [2006/88/EC](#)., close examination

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### ANNEX III, PART A

Category	Health status	May introduce animals from	Health certification		May dispatch animals to
			Introduction	Dispatching	
I	Disease-free (Articles 49 or 50)	Only category I	YES	NO when dispatched to category III or V  YES when dispatched to categories I, II or IV	All categories
II	Surveillance Programme (Article 44(1))	Only category I	YES	NO	Categories III and V
III	Undetermined (not known to be infected but not subject to a programme for achieving disease- free status)	Categories I, II, or III	NO	NO	Categories III and V
IV	Eradication Programme (Article 44(2))	Only category I	YES	YES	Only category V
V	Infected (Article 39)	All categories	NO	YES	Only category V



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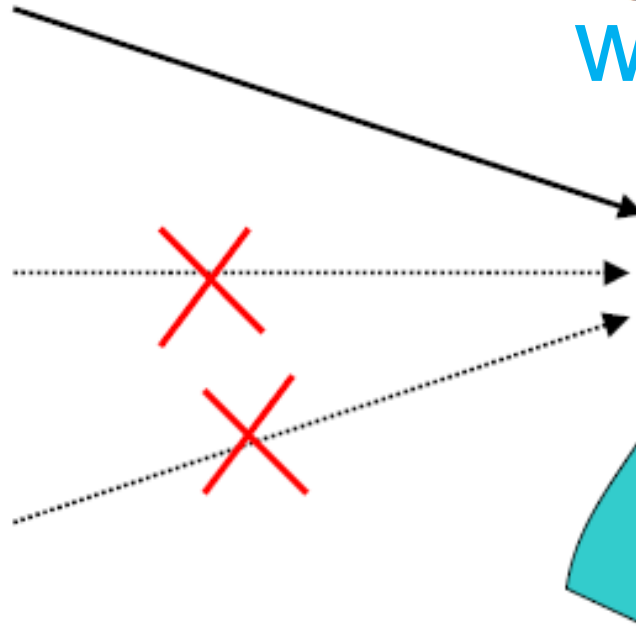
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**CAT. I**

**CAT. III**

**CAT. V**

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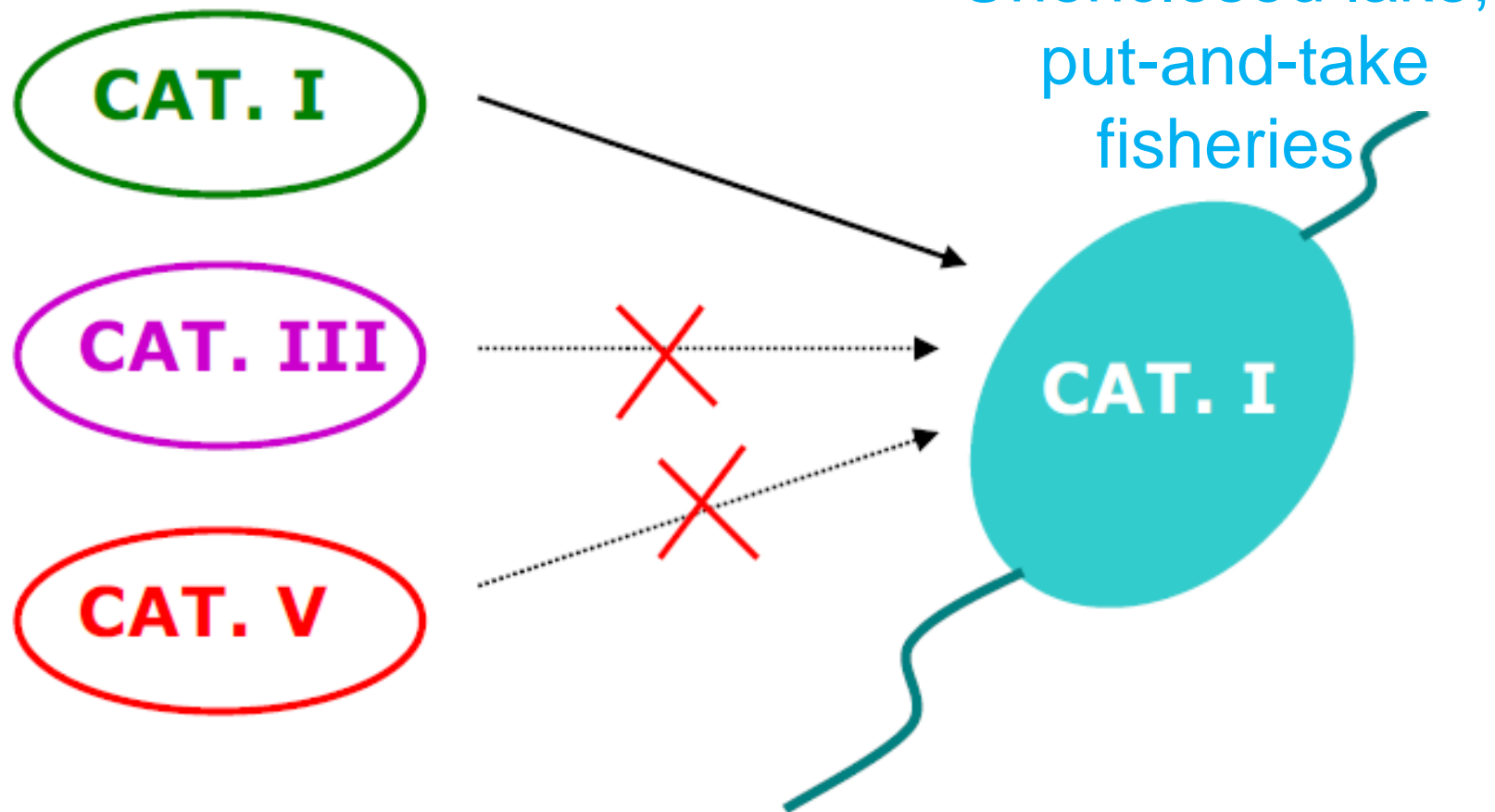
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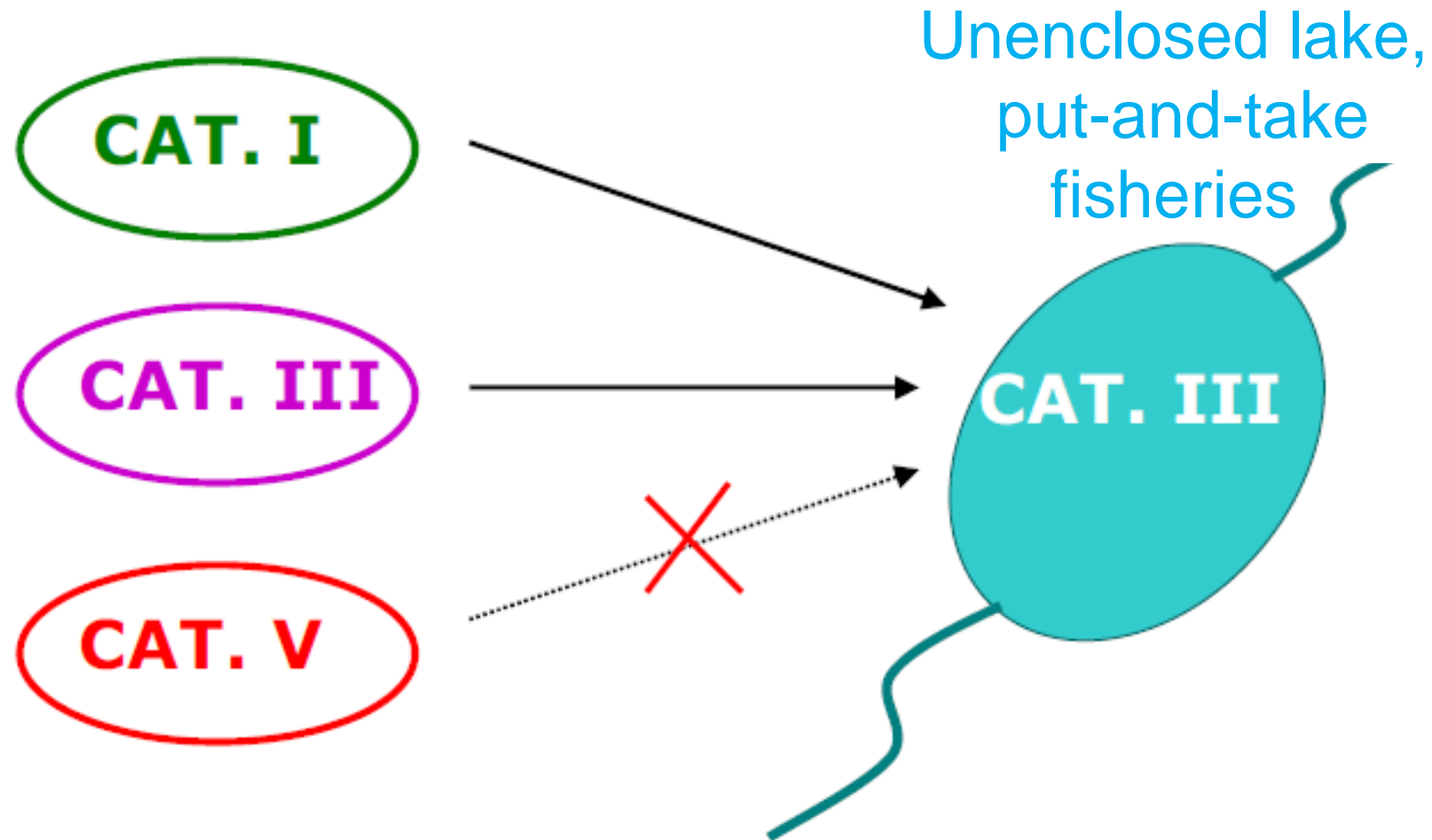
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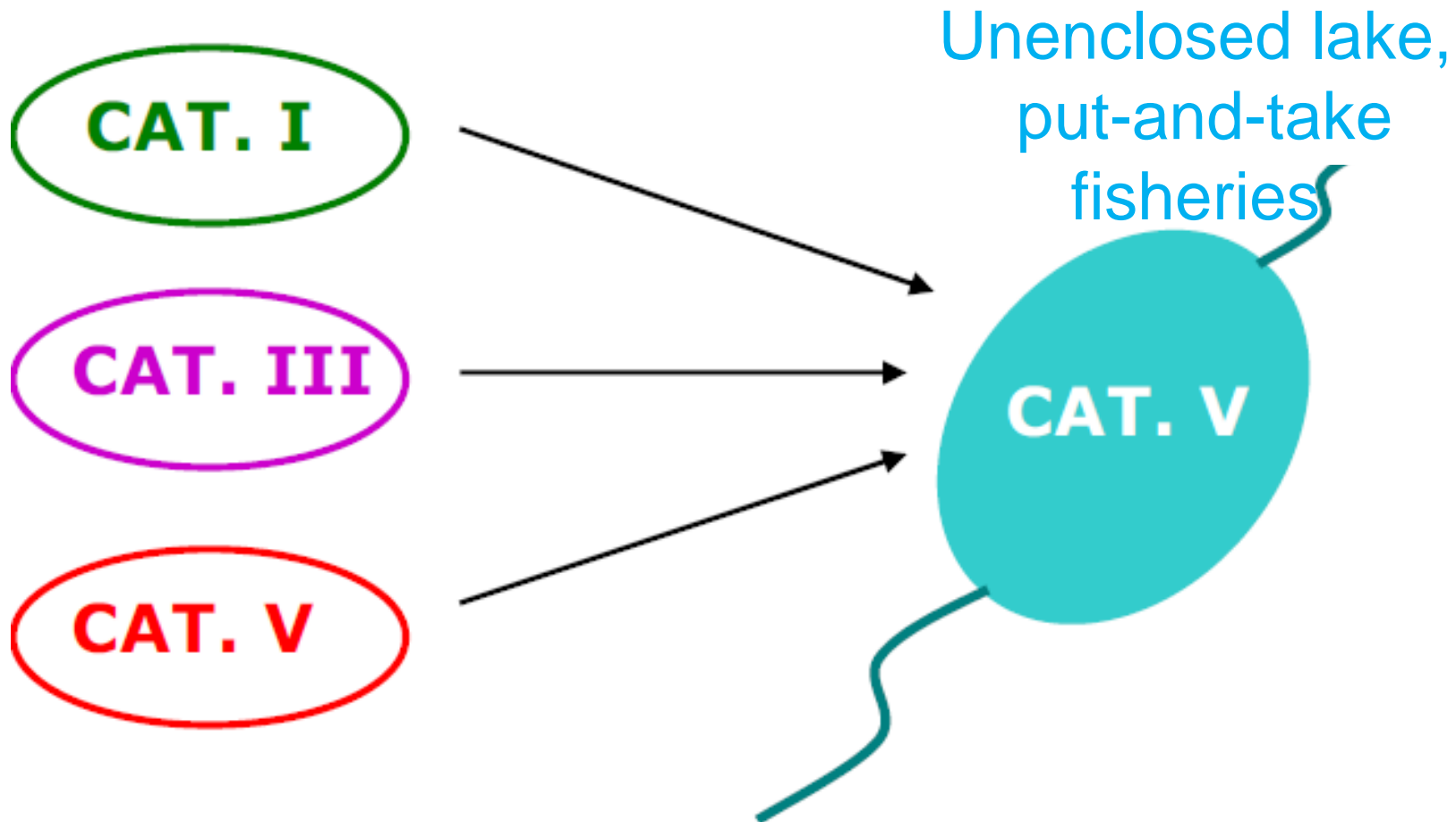
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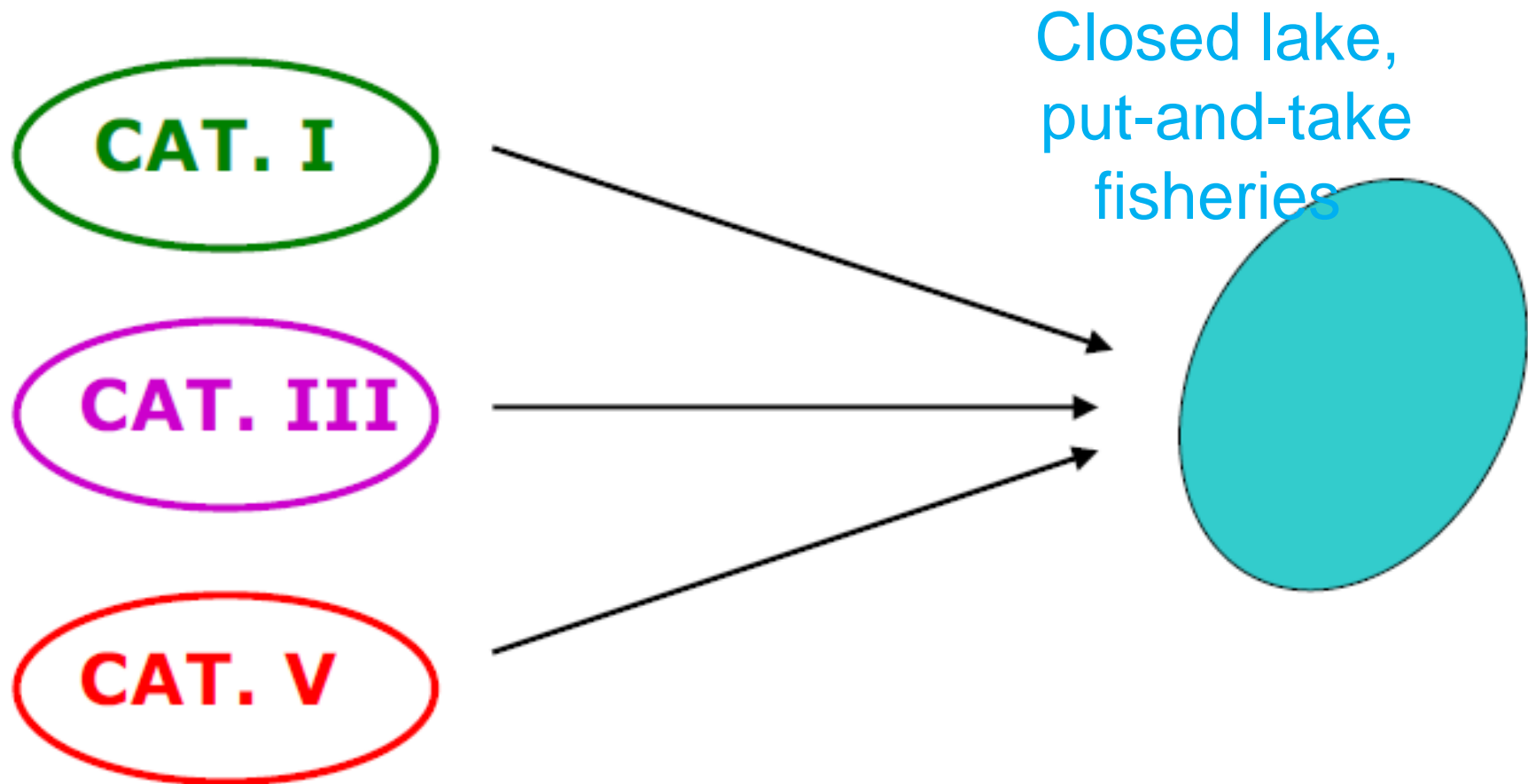
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