

## Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association Common Abbreviations

### A

A&P	Aquarist & Pondkeeper hobby magazine
AATA	Animal Transport Association, formerly Air Animal Transport Association
ADAS	Agricultural Development and Advice Service
AHO	Animal Health Officer (either County Council Officer enforcing Welfare of Animals in Transit Orders or MAFF Officer)
AMDEA	Electrical Appliances Trade Association
AMELIA	Animal Medicines European Licensing Information and Advice guidance notes
AOC	Airline Operators Committee
A of A	Association of Aquarists
Approved Zone	An area of the EU (at least a watershed) from which, by testing to a set protocol, the absence of a disease has been proved
AQS	Animal Quarantine Station
AVA	Agri-food Veterinary Authority of Singapore
ASWGF	Association of Still Water Game Fishermen

### B

BA	British Airways
BAA	British Airport Authority
BIFA	British Import Freight Association
BIP	Border Inspection Posts (all animals entering the EU must enter via a BIP)
BSA	Broadcasting Standards Authority
BSAVA	British Small Animals Veterinary Association
BSC	Broadcasting Standards Council
BTA	British Trout Association
BTTG	An independent testing house which undertakes "approved product" aquarium tests
BVA	British Veterinary Association
BWA	British Waterfowl Association

**C**

CAWC	Companion Animal Welfare Council
CBD	Convention of Biological Diversity
CC	County Council
CEFAS	Centre for the Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science
CGIAR	Centres of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research
CITES	Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of flora and fauna International Treaty ratified by countries. Provides protection for animals and plants in international trade. There are 3 categories of protection offered: Appendix I: Basically bars species from trade. Quotas for trade may be allowed as may second generation specimens bred in captivity e.g. Scleropages formosus, the golden arrowana or Asian bony tongue Appendix II: Designed to monitor, not prohibit the trade in species. An export permit must be given for these species. The EU also requires an import permit Appendix III: Applies App II conditions to exports from a single country CITES management authority - DoE CITES scientific authorities, animal - JNCC; plant - Kew Gardens CITES secretariat based in Geneva
COP	Conference of the Parties
COP2	The second meeting of a COP
CoSLA	Council of the Scottish Local Authorities
COW	Committee of the Whole
CPGR	Commission on Plant Genetic Resources
CSD	Commission for Sustainable Development

**D**

DBM	Dyson Bell Martin. EU Parliamentary monitoring service
DEFRA	Department for the Environment, Fisheries and Rural Affairs
DG	Directorate General. EU Commission
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry
DVO	Divisional Veterinary Officer, MAFF

**E**

EA	Environment Agency
EHO	Environmental Health Officer, pet shop licences, health and safety
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment (or Environmental Investigation Agency)
EMAP	EMAP Pursuit Publications; publish PFK, PPM and Fishkeeping Answers
EPO	European Pet Organisation

**F**

FAWC	Farm Animals Welfare Council
FBAS	Federation of British Aquatic Societies
FDL	Fish Diseases Laboratory (Weymouth)
FFI	Fauna and Flora International
FTFFA	Florida Tropical Fish Farmers Association
FVS	Fish Veterinary Society

**G**

GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GCA	Garden Centre Association
GESAMP	Group of Experts on Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Pollution of UNEP
GNVQ	General National Vocational. Vocational 'A' level equivalent
GSL	General Sales List (for medicines)

**H**

HMSO Her Majesty's Stationery Office  
HTA Horticultural Trade Association

**I**

IAM Integrated Area Management (also called Integrated Coastal Zone Management, ICZM)  
ICES International Council on the Exploration of the Sea  
ICLARM International Centre of Living Aquatic Resources Management  
ICZM see IAM  
IEHO Institute of Environmental Health Officers  
IFAW International Federation for Animal Welfare  
IGO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO  
IP Intellectual Property  
IPAC International Pet Advisory Council  
IPTO International Pet Trade Organisation (defunct)  
ISA Infectious Salmon Anaemia. Serious salmonid disease list I Fish Health Directive  
IUCN International Union for the Conservation of Nature. International group with many government members (formerly International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources)  
IWMC International Wildlife Management Consortium

**J**

JNCC Joint Nature Conservancy Council  
JPPMA Japan Pet Products Manufacturers Association

**K**

KHV Koi Herpes Virus

**L**

LACOTS Local Authority Co-ordinating Body on Food and Trading Standards  
LACOTS: List I Disease exotic to the EU (ISA only)  
LACOTS: List II Serious disease for which Approved Zone established (notably IHN, VHS)  
LACOTS: List III Disease which individual Member States may establish barriers against  
LVI Local Veterinary Inspector. A vet that can issue Health Certificates normally in general practice, but not a MAFF employee

**M**

MAC Marine Aquarium Council  
MAFF Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food (now DEFRA)  
MAVIS Medicines Act Veterinary Information Service  
MPA Marine Protected Area  
MCS Marine Conservation Society

**N**

NFU	National Farmers Union
NGO	Non-governmental Organisation
NOAH	National Office of Animal Health
Non-Approved Zone	An area of the EU in which a listed disease is known to be present or from which its absence has not been proved
NRA	National Rivers Authority
NVQ	National Vocational Qualifications (work based) NVQ level II - worker entry level NVQ level III - supervisor level NVQ level IV - manager level NVQ level V - graduate level
NZB	Norwegian Pet Trade Association

**O**

ODA	Overseas Development Agency
OFI	Ornamental Fish International
OIE	International Office of Epizootology. Epizootology - serious diseases - introduced a code of conduct for the management of aquatic organisms (based in France)
OP's	Organo-Phosphates pesticides

**P**

patent	Novelty, industrial application and originality, non-obvious
PBW	Pet Business World industry magazine, published by Dog World
PCT	Pet Care Trust
PFK	Practical Fish Keeping hobby magazine, published by EMAP
PFMA	Pet Food Manufacturers Association
PIJAC	Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council. Independent groups in: USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand
PML	Pharmacy and Merchants List Medicine
POM	Prescription only medicines
PPD	Primary Production Department (Singapore) (now AVA)
PPM	Pet Product Marketing trade magazine, published by EMAP
PSD	Pesticide Safety Directorate
PTIA	Pet Trade Industry Association (now PCT)

**Q**

**R**

RAMSAR	Wetlands Convention - supports sustainable development - includes coral reefs
RHA	Road Haulage Association
RoSPA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
RPSG	Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
RSPB	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
RSPCA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
RVC	Royal Veterinary College

## S

SAFEA	Singapore Aquarium Fish Exporters Association
SBSTTA	Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technology and Technological Advice (to CBD)
SBSTTA1	The first meeting of the SBSTTA, Paris Sept 1995
SCAS	Society of Companion Animal Studies
Sct 30	SFWFA Section 30 - requires permission to be granted before fish are stocked into open waters
SFWFA	Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act
SQS	Scottish Quality Salmon Trade Association
SSC	Species Survival Commission affiliated to IUCN
SSGA	Scottish Salmon Growers Association
SUN	Sustainable Users Network. A loose grouping of groups interested in the sustainable use of animals and plants from the wild or captive bred
SVC	Spring Viraemia of Carp
SVC	Standing Veterinary Committee (in EU)
SVQ	Scottish Vocational Qualification
SVS	State Veterinary Service
SWIF	Salmon, Whaling and Inland Fisheries Division. DEFRA division dealing with fish health, vet checks etc.

## T

TAG	Taxon Advisory Group; affiliated to SSC
TFH	Tropical Fish Hobbyist hobby magazine
Third Country	Any non-EU member state. Not the same as a third world country - thus the USA is as much a third country as the poorest African state
TRAFFIC	Trade monitoring branch of WWF. National offices - each seems to have its own policy on issues
TRIPs	Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (GATT)
TSO	Trading Standards Officer

## U

UFAW	University Federation of Animal Welfare
UNCLOS	United Nation Commission on the Law of the Sea
UNDP	UN Development Programme
UNEP	UN Environmental Programme
UNESCO	UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
UPN	Union for the Protection of New Varieties (International Convention)
USDA	US Department of Agriculture
USFWS	US Fish and Wildlife Service

## V

VHS	Viral Haemorrhagic Septicaemia
VI Centre	Veterinary Investigations Centre, MAFF
VMD	Veterinary Medicines Directorate
VPC	Veterinary Products Committee

## W

WACA	Wildlife and Countryside Act
WATO	Welfare of Animals in Transport Order Annex I - Main directives referred to (EU Directive establishes aims and goals; these are interpreted into National Legislation by the Governments of Member States)

91/67 - Fish Health  
91/628 - Animal Transport  
95/29 - Animal Transport  
91/495 - Veterinary Checks - Third Country Trade  
90/425 - Veterinary Checks - Intra-Community Trade

WCMC	World Conservation Monitoring Centre; Cambridge based
Wood Green	Wood Green Animal Shelters (Charity)
WRI	World Resources Institute
WSPA	World Society for the Protection of Animals
WTO	World Trade Organisation
WWF	World Wildlife Fund

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Z

ZOORF	Swedish Pet Trade Association
ZSL	Zoological Society of London; based at London Zoo
ZZF	German Pet Trade Association