

Koi Herpes Virus: OIE Listing Status Update

The World Organization of Animal Health (OIE) voted at the 74th General Session in Paris (May 2006) to include koi herpes virus disease (KHVD) on the list of fish diseases notifiable to the OIE by member countries.

KHVD is well-known to occur in cultured koi populations in the U.S. and is currently considered an endemic disease. The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS), as the competent authority reporting to the OIE, will continue to report to OIE on a semi-annual basis that KHVD is “known to occur” in the U.S. There are currently no plans by USDA APHIS to make KHVD a programmable disease or to implement KHV-specific health certification requirements for koi imports.

*Private veterinary practitioners and diagnostic labs **do not need** to report cases to USDA APHIS.* Mitigations will be at the discretion of the fish owner under the guidance of the attending veterinarian if applicable.

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Related Web-Links:

Report of the meeting of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission (March 13-17, 2006)

[http://www.oie.int/aac/eng/FDC%20reports/Mar%202006%20report%20\(English\).pdf](http://www.oie.int/aac/eng/FDC%20reports/Mar%202006%20report%20(English).pdf)

List of OIE notifiable diseases:

http://www.oie.int/eng/maladies/en_classification.htm