

# Japan's comments on the Report of the meeting of the OIE Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission in September 2012

## Chapter 1.3 Disease listed by the OIE

### **Infection with ostreid herpesvirus-1 $\mu$ var (OsHV-1 $\mu$ var) as an emerging disease**

Japan supports the proposal to list *infection with ostreid herpesvirus-1  $\mu$  var (OsHV-1  $\mu$  var)* as an emerging disease provided that the OsHV-1  $\mu$  var is clearly defined to solely include highly pathogenic variants with increased mortality.

Japan requests the Commission to define the OsHV-1  $\mu$  var as well as to revise the *Aquatic Manual* in the light of the findings of our national research institute that has identified nucleotide sequences of other variants of OsHV-1 isolated in Japan without any significant mortality (see attachment).

Japan believes that information from other countries will also contribute to specify highly pathogenic variants. Japan also requests the Commission to provide relevant information and scientific rationale on the foreseen draft definitions and revised texts of the *Aquatic Manual*.

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Attachment : Y. Shimahara, J. Kurita, I. Kiryu, T. Nishioka, K. Yuasa, M. Kawana, T. Kamaishi and N.Oseko (2012): Surveillance of Type 1 Ostreid Herpesvirus (OsHV-1) Variants in Japan. *Fish Pathology*, 47(4), 129-136