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VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR FISH IN REGARDS TO THE INTERNAL MOVEMENT OF GRASS CARP IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

RESPONSIBLE VETERINARY ADMINISTRATION: National Depart. of Agriculture

ISSUING VETERINARY AUTHORITY: Directorate Veterinary Services Western Cape

CERTIFICATE NUMBER: WKS/FAC01/2011

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The internationally accepted list of OIE diseases in Grass Carp is monitored prior to the import of fish into South Africa. This was also the case when the De Rust Grass Carp farm imported their Grass Carp. It is therefore unnecessary to test the fish for OIE listed diseases in Grass Carp prior to any fish being made available on the local market. The Exception to the above is the Asian Tape Worm (*Bothriocephalus spp.*) which is already commonly found in Grass Carp in South Africa. As a precautionary measure all Grass Carp prior to any fish being made available on the local market from the De Rust Grass Carp Farm is treated against Asian Tapeworm using Praziquantel under the correct dosage and recommendations. The Grass Carp before dispatch is subjected to a treatment of Malagnite to control other parasites such as Anchor worm.

All the Grass Carp in a batch to be dispatched receive a microchip. These microchip numbers are sent to Nature Conservation. The Cape Nature Conservation does testing on these batches to ensure sterility of the carp leaving the premises. The last letter of certification received from Cape Nature Conservation in this regard was issued on 31st August 2011. Traceability is also ensured due to the microchip numbers. The farm was visited on the 15 July 2011 and the fish visually examined. On the day of my visit and to the best of my ability I do declare that the fish appear to be in a condition of good health.

This certificate is valid until 31st August 2012.

Greetings,

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L. J. HON

CHIEF STATE VETERINARIAN

Date: 2011/09/07

