

GOVERNMENT OF THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS  
VETERINARY DIVISION  
PARAQUITA BAY TORTOLA

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**CONDITIONS of IMPORT for TILAPIA**

- 1) Permission for landing will only be granted if the fish is/are accompanied by an **Animal Health Certificate** issued by the **Veterinary Authority** (Government) in the country of origin stating:
  - a) The animals must originate from a certified and regulated establishment
  - b) That the fish is/are healthy and free from symptoms of infectious or contagious diseases, including Streptococcus, Trichodina, Columaris and Aeromonas.
  - c) That the fish has / have been in the country of origin/ export for at least six months immediately preceding importation into the territory.
- 2) Fish must be found clinically healthy on arrival.
- 3) The Veterinary Division **must be given at least 24 hours notice** of confirmed arrival date, time, Airline/ vessel and port of entry. This will facilitate no unnecessary delays and avoid detention of animal(s) for Veterinary clearance at port of entry.
- 4) **All required conditions must be met and all documents (import permit, health certificate, CITES Certificate if applicable)** presented at port of disembarkation, in order to facilitate Veterinary clearance and to avoid the otherwise unpleasant, but necessary measures such as animals being kept in a facility, deportation or euthanasia.