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**SELF-DECLARATIONS BY PERU OF ITS FREEDOM FROM DISEASES
CAUSED BY YELLOW HEAD VIRUS (GENOTYPE 1) AND
INFECTIOUS MYONECROSIS VIRUS**

COMMUNICATION FROM PERU

The following communication, received on 18 June 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Peru.

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1. Under Articles 6 and 7 of the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures of the World Trade Organization (WTO), Peru wishes to inform WTO Members that it has declared itself to be free from yellow head virus genotype 1 (YHV1) and infectious myonecrosis virus (IMNV).
 2. These self-declarations are directly linked to the sanitary handling in Peru of hydrobiological products, particularly prawns. Exports of Peruvian prawns have continued to grow, with an average growth rate of 31% between 2015 and 2019¹, and were valued at USD 231 million in 2019², reaching markets in Europe, Asia, North America and Oceania.
 3. Through its National Fisheries Health Service (SANIPES), Peru has demonstrated that basic biosecurity conditions for both diseases have been consistently met for at least the last two years and that active monitoring has been in place for ten consecutive years, without any detection of either disease.
 4. Peru has also met the requirements of the Aquatic Animal Health Code (Aquatic Code) and the Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals (2019) of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) in order to qualify as a country free from these two diseases.
 5. Peru's self-declarations were published on the OIE website on 13 May 2020 and also notified to this Committee in notifications [G/SPS/N/PER/873](#) and [G/SPS/N/PER/874](#).
 6. Peru urges WTO Members to refer to these self-declarations in commercial dealings on hydrobiological products from Peru.

¹ Based on data obtained from TRADEMAP.

² Development of foreign trade in fisheries and aquaculture in Peru, Peruvian Commission for the Promotion of Exports and Tourism (PROMPERU), 2019.