

(PREVIEW)

*Indian Standard*

CODE FOR TRANSPORT OF  
FRESH WATER AQUARIUM FISH

**0. FOREWORD**

**0.1** This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 31 January 1983, after the draft finalized by the Live Animals Sectional Committee had been approved by the Agricultural and Food Products Division Council.

**0.2** The live fish transport has been practised in India since time immemorial in open containers, with renewal of water at intervals. Recent advancements in thermal insulating materials and techniques of packing in polyethylene bags sealed with oxygen have almost replaced the traditional system. The aquarium fish stand well in this type of transport. The fish are properly conditioned to avoid heavy mortality during transport. The conditioning involves isolation of healthy specimen species wise and keeping them in a tank either made of cement concrete or cloth HAPA planted in lenitic or lotic waters for a period ( not beyond 6 hrs ), which is regulated depending on the length of the distance and duration of transport.

**0.3** For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS : 2-1960\*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

**1. SCOPE**

**1.1** The scope of this code is restricted to the conditions for transport of live aquarium fish ( tropical and ornamental fresh water species ) for exhibition and/or breeding purposes.