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SYNOPSIS

Requirements for Good Aquaculture Practices – India GAqP Striped Catfish (*Pangasianodon hypophthalmus*)

a) Scope: This Indian Standard covers the control points and compliance criteria necessary to be followed by the producers (individual producers and/or members of a producer group) of *Pangasianodon hypophthalmus* (striped catfish). This standard applies to the good aquaculture practices (GAP) to be followed at all stages of the production of this catfish in freshwater pond including practices followed for stocking, pond management, harvesting and post-harvest handlings prior to transportation to market.

b) Salient features of content:

In India, aquacultural practices are highly localized occupations and display a lot of variability in cultural practices and varietal preferences across regions. Further, with the opening up of the world market, there is a flow of trade in the aquacultural products. It is, therefore, necessary to define and assign certain common minimum standards to facilitate trade in these products and to win the confidence of the consumers within the country and outside.

Such standards envisaging focused approach for implementing good aquaculture practices, traceability etc. through appropriate infrastructure, record keeping and monitoring would reap following broad benefits:

- a) Development of basic infrastructure at the field level,
- b) Build up culture for good aquaculture practices by the farmers,
- c) Uniform approach across farms regardless of their sizes
- d) Increased awareness among the producers as well as the consumers about the need for consumption of good quality and safe food,
- e) Traceability through complete integration of food chain,
- f) Improvement in the environment
- g) Worker safety and welfare.
- h) Reputation in the international market as a producer of good quality and safe produce, and
- j) Overcoming the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBTs).

c) Types/grades/classes, if any covered in the standard: Nil

d) Disclaimer (to be automatically provided by the programme/ software)