



HELP US KEEP ICELANDIC RIVERS HEALTHY

Disinfection of sport fishing equipment

Infectious disease agents such as viruses and the parasite, *Gyrodactylus salaris*, have never been detected in freshwater fish in Iceland.

To prevent the spread of infectious agents from other countries to freshwater fish in Iceland, Icelandic law prohibits the use of fishing equipment that has been used for angling abroad, unless disinfected by approved methods.

Importing the following equipment is strictly prohibited:

Used fishing equipment such as fishing rods, reels, hooks/lures/flyes, waders and nets, unless having undergone disinfection by approved methods.

Disinfection:

Disinfection must be carried out by a veterinarian from the country of embarkation and a certificate of disinfection presented when transporting the equipment to Iceland. The certificate should be original, clearly worded on officially headed paper, with an appropriate stamp of approval no older than 3 weeks. If a certificate cannot be obtained, the fishing equipment must be handed to customs officers upon entering the country for immediate disinfection at owner's expense.

The equipments should be sprayed with or immersed in the disinfectant solution. Approved disinfectants are for example:

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| 1. | Virkon-S | (1% solution) |
| 2. | Virex | (1% solution) |
| 3. | Caustic soda | (0,2% solution) |
| 4. | Crystalline soda | (5% solution) |
| 5. | Setax | (0,3% solution) |
| 6. | Korsolin | (3% solution) |
| 7. | Phenol solution | (2-5% solution) |

The company ICEPARK operates a fast disinfection service at Keflavík Int. Airport for a fee of approx. 4.900 ISK for each rod, including related accessories.

Iceland has always been free of infectious fish diseases like IPN, VHS, IHN, UDN and ISA, caused by various virus, and also of parasitic disease like Gyrodactylosis, and therefore we will maintain a strict disinfection policy to try to keep this position. **Your co-operation for a clean and healthy environment will secure a bright future for the wild Atlantic salmon and trout.**