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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 91/67/EEC of 28 January 1991 concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 20(1) and Article 21(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Decision 2003/858/EC ⁽²⁾ lays down the specific animal health conditions and model certificates applicable to third countries or parts thereof from which Member States are authorised to import live fish, their eggs and gametes intended for farming, and live fish of aquaculture origin and products thereof intended for human consumption.
- (2) By Commission Decision 2004/453/EC of 29 April 2004 implementing Council Directive 91/67/EEC as regards measures against certain diseases in aquaculture animals ⁽³⁾ Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and the United Kingdom have been granted additional guarantees for certain diseases referred to in Annex A, Column 1, List III to Directive 91/67/EEC.
- (3) Those guarantees should also apply when live fish is imported from third countries. Annexes I, II and III to Decision 2003/858/EC should take those additional guarantees into account and be amended accordingly.
- (4) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee of the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2003/858/EC is amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Decision.
2. Annex II is replaced by the text in Annex II to this Decision.
3. Annex III is replaced by the text in Annex III to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 29 April 2004.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 46, 19.2.1991, p. 1. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 806/2003 (OJ L 122, 16.5.2003, p. 1).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 324, 11.12.2003, p. 37.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 156, 30.4.2004, p. 5. Corrected in OJ L 202, 7.6.2004, p. 4.

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Country		Territory		Specific requirements ⁽¹⁾						Comments ⁽²⁾
ISO-code	Name	Code	Description	VH-S	IHN	SVC	BKD	IPN	G. salaris	
US	United States									

(1) Insert "Yes" or "No" as relevant if designated farm, coastal or continental zone is approved by the central competent authority of the exporting country as a territory that fulfils the specific animal health requirements - including a non-vaccination policy - for introduction into European Community zones and farms having a Community approved programme or status, or for one or more of the diseases viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN), additional guarantees for spring viraemia of carp (SVC), bacterial kidney disease (BKD, infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN), and/or *Gyrodactylus salaris* (*G. salaris*).

(2) No limitations if left empty. If a country or territory is allowed to export only certain species and/or eggs or gametes, the species should be specified and/or a comment with for example "eggs only" shall be inserted in this column.

(3) Provisional code that does not affect the definitive denomination of the country to be attributed after the conclusion of the negotiations currently taking place in the United Nations."

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ANNEX II

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MODEL ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF ⁽¹⁾ [LIVE FISH, EGGS AND GAMETES FOR FARMING] ⁽¹⁾ [LIVE FISH OF AQUACULTURE ORIGIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ⁽¹⁾ [HUMAN CONSUMPTION] ⁽¹⁾ [RE STOCKING OF PUT AND TAKE FISHERIES]] INTO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC)

Note for the importer: This certificate is only for veterinary purposes and has - in its original - to accompany the consignment until it reaches the border inspection post.

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1. Exporting country and authorities involved 1.1. Exporting country: 1.2. Competent authority: 1.3. Competent issuing authority:		3. Destination of the consignment 3.1. Member State: ⁽¹⁾ [3.2. Zone or part (3) of the Member State:] ⁽¹⁾ [3.3. Farm, name:] 3.4. Address: 3.5. Name, address and phone number of the consignee:		
2. Place of origin of the consignment 2.1. Code of territory of origin ⁽²⁾ : ⁽¹⁾ [2.2. Farm of origin, name:] ⁽¹⁾ [2.3. Address or location of farm:] 2.4. Name, address and phone number of the consignor:		4. Means of transport and consignment identification ⁽⁴⁾ 4.1. Means of transport: ⁽¹⁾ [lorry] ⁽¹⁾ [rail-wagon] ⁽¹⁾ [ship] ⁽¹⁾ [Aircraft]: 4.2. ⁽¹⁾ [registration number(s)] ⁽¹⁾ [ship name] ⁽¹⁾ [flight number]: 4.3. Consignment identification details:		
5. Description of the consignment <input type="checkbox"/> Farmed stocks <input type="checkbox"/> Wild stocks <input type="checkbox"/> Live fish <input type="checkbox"/> Gametes <input type="checkbox"/> Fertilised eggs <input type="checkbox"/> Unfertilised eggs <input type="checkbox"/> Larvae/fry				
Fish specie(s)		Total weight of fish (kg) ⁽¹⁾ [Number of fish]	⁽¹⁾ [Volume of eggs] ⁽¹⁾ [Volume of gametes]	Age of live fish
Scientific name:	Common name:			
				<input type="checkbox"/> >24 months <input type="checkbox"/> 12-24 months <input type="checkbox"/> 0-11 months <input type="checkbox"/> unknown

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6. Animal health attestation for importation of ⁽¹⁾ [(¹) [live fish] (¹) [and] (¹) [eggs] (¹) [and] (¹) [gametes] for farming] (¹) [live fish of aquaculture origin intended for] (¹) [human consumption] (¹) [for farming or restocking of put-and take fisheries]]

I, the undersigned official inspector, hereby certify that the ⁽¹⁾ [live fish] (¹) [and] (¹) [eggs] (¹) [and] (¹) [gametes], referred to at point 5 this certificate fulfils the following requirements:

6.1. *either:*

⁽¹⁾ [They originate from the territory ⁽²⁾ with the code: ⁽²⁾ and in which all farms rearing or keeping live fish, their eggs or gametes, of any species considered as susceptible ⁽⁵⁾ to the following diseases: infectious salmon anaemia (ISA); epizootic haematopoietic necrosis (EHN); viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS); and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN):

- are officially registered by the competent authority,
- keep an updated record of: live fish, eggs and gametes entering and leaving the farm and all information relating to: their delivery and dispatch, their number or weight, their size, their source, their suppliers and observed mortality ⁽⁶⁾,
- have to notify as soon as possible to the competent authority, any suspicion of the following diseases: ISA, EHN, VHS and IHN; and any clinical signs giving reason to suspect the presence of a disease capable of causing significant impact to the fish stock,
- are subject to appropriate disease control measures as necessary at least equivalent to those required in Council Directives 91/67/EEC and 93/53/EEC including prohibition as regards vaccination against ISA, and as regards sampling and testing also Decisions 2001/183/EC and 2003/466/EC; in cases where sampling and testing methods are not established in the Community legislation, the methods are those laid down in the relevant chapters of the OIE ⁽⁷⁾ Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals, Fourth edition, 2003,
- have had no disease, that has caused significant impact to the stock during the last six months prior to dispatch, and during the last two years, no cases of the diseases: ISA, and EHN,
- have, during the last two years prior to dispatch not introduced live fish, eggs or gametes with a lower health status,
- there are, on the day of loading, no clinical signs of disease and there is no suspicion of the presence of any of the following diseases: ISA, EHN, VHS and IHN,]

or:

⁽¹⁾ [They originate from the territory ⁽²⁾ with the code: ⁽²⁾ and which:

- is a designated farm, or a farm that is not connected with coastal or estuarial waters, and that does not contain fish of the species considered as susceptible ⁽⁵⁾ to the diseases: infectious salmon anaemia (ISA); epizootic haematopoietic necrosis (EHN); viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS); and infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN)
- keep an updated record of: live fish, eggs and gametes entering and leaving the farm and all information relating to: their delivery and dispatch, their number or weight, their size, their source, their suppliers and observed mortality ⁽⁶⁾]

6.2. *They:*

- have not, since the time of collection, been in contact with live fish, eggs or gametes of a lower health status than referred to in point 6.1 of this certificate,
- are not intended for destruction or slaughter for the eradication of the following diseases: ISA; VHS; IHN; EHN; spring viraemia of carp (SVC); Infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN); Bacterial kidney disease (BKD, Renibacterium salmoninarum); Furunculosis (Aeromonas salmonicida); Enteric redmouth disease (ERM, Yersinia ruckeri); Gyrodactylus salaris; or due to diseases caused by any other pathogen,
- are not subject to any prohibitions for animal health reasons,
- were inspected on the day of loading and showed no clinical signs of disease,
- ⁽⁸⁾ [were subject to a visual check of a randomly selected representative part of the consignment, including each part having a different origin, and no fish species other than those specified in point 5 of this certificate were detected], and
- ⁽⁹⁾ [have been disinfected in accordance with OIE ⁽⁷⁾ International Aquatic Animal Health Code, edition 2003, Appendix 5.2.1;]

(10) [7. Specific animal health requirements as regards VHS, IHN, SVC, IPN, BKD and *Gyrodactylus salaris*

(11) [7.1. I, the undersigned official inspector, hereby certify that the (1) [live fish] (1) [and] (1) [eggs] (1) [and] (1) [gametes], referred to at point 5 this certificate, originate from a territory (2) that, in addition to the guarantees given in point 6 of this certificate, is approved by the competent authority as having an equivalent health status to those farms and zones within the Community, with approved status as regards (1) [VHS] (1) [and] (1) [IHN], as they:

Either

- (1) [*either* (1) [originate from a coastal zone in which all farms are under the supervision of the competent authority, and the fish]
 - or* (1) [originate from a continental zone in which all farms are under the supervision of the competent authority and the fish]
 - or* (1) [originate from a designated farm which is under the supervision of the competent authority, and where the water is supplied by means of a system which ensures the complete inactivation of (1) [VHS] (1) [and] (1) [IHN] and the fish]
 - or* (1) [originate from a coastal zone in which there are no farms and the wild fish:]
 - or* (1) [originate from a continental zone in which there are no farms and the wild fish:]
 - have been subject to health inspections, carried out at intervals adapted to the development of (1) [VHS] (1) [and] (1) [IHN] and samples are taken and examined for these pathogens with a negative result by an officially authorised laboratory and the sampling and testing methods are at least equivalent to those laid down in Directives 91/67/EEC, 93/53/EEC and Decision 2001/183/EC as the following surveillance scheme has been used:

(12) ['EC Model A' – at least four years documented freedom, including a two-year surveillance program] (12) ['EC Model B' – at least six years documented freedom, including a two-year surveillance program with reduced sample size] (13) ['EC Special provisions' – new farms] (13) ['EC Special provisions' – farms which recommence their activities] (1) ['OIE' – methods as described in the OIE (7) Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals, Fourth edition, 2003, Chapters: 1.1.4 (General) and (1) [2.1.5. (VHS)] (1) [and] (1) [2.1.2. (IHN)]]
 - since at least two years have been free of clinical and other signs of (1) [VHS] (1) [and] (1) [IHN]
 - originate from a territory (2) where all necessary measures (14) are taken to prevent the introduction of diseases.]

Or

- (1) [originate from a farm that is not connected with coastal or estuarial waters and does not contain any fish of the species considered as susceptible (5) to (1) [VHS] (1) [and] (1) [IHN].]

(15) [7.2. I, the undersigned official inspector, hereby certify that the (1) [live fish] (1) [and] (1) [eggs] (1) [and] (1) [gametes], referred to at point 5 this certificate, which is considered susceptible (5) to (1) [Spring viraemia of carp] (1) [and] (1) [Infectious pancreatic necrosis] (1) [and] (1) [Bacterial kidney disease], originate from a territory (2):

- where (1) [SVC] (1) [and] (1) [IPN] (1) [and] (1) [BKD] is notifiable to the competent authority, and reports of suspicion of infections must be immediately investigated by the official services,
- in which all introduction of species susceptible (5) (1) [SVC] (1) [and] (1) [IPN] (1) [and] (1) [BKD] has come from a zone or farm having the same health status with respect to (1) [SVC] (1) [and] (1) [IPN] (1) [and] (1) [BKD],
- (16) [in which the fish has not been vaccinated against (1) [SVC] (1) [and] (1) [IPN] (1) [and] (1) [BKD].]
- where all farms raising species susceptible (5) to (1) [SVC] (1) [and] (1) [IPN] (1) [and] (1) [BKD] are under the supervision of the competent authority,
- where all necessary measures (14) are taken to prevent the introduction of diseases,
- that, in addition to the guarantees given in point 6 of this certificate, is approved by the competent authority as having an equivalent health status to zones within the Community, having additional guarantees with regard to (1) [SVC] (1) [and] (1) [IPN] (1) [and] (1) [BKD] as they:
 - either* (1) [originate from the following territory (2), which is considered free from (1) [SVC] (1) [and] (1) [IPN] (1) [and] (1) [BKD] in accordance with Annex I to Decision 2003/858/EC.]
 - or* (1) [originate from the following farm:, which at the time of the year (1) [SVC] (1) [and] (1) [IPN] (1) [and] (1) [BKD] is expected to manifest itself, have been submitted for at least two years to inspections by the competent authorities, with sampling at least equivalent to those sampling programmes laid down by Commission Decision 2001/183/EC (12) or surveillance methods as described in the OIE (7) Manual of diagnostic tests for aquatic animals, Chapter 1.1.4 and the relevant disease chapters, and as laboratory tests have been carried out in accordance with the relevant chapters in the most current edition of the OIE (7) Manual of diagnostic tests for aquatic animals, with all test giving negative results.]

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or (17) [originate from the following continental farm:, where (1) [SVC] (1) [and] (1) [IPN] (1) [and] (1) [BKD] have occurred within the previous two years, but where the whole fish population has been withdrawn, and all ponds, tanks or other installations and equipment disinfected under the supervision of the competent authority, and where restocking has taken place with fish from a source certified free by the competent authority after sampling at least equivalent to those sampling programmes laid down in Commission Decision 2001/183/EC (12) (13) or surveillance methods as described in the OIE (7) Manual of diagnostic tests for aquatic animals, Chapter 1.1.4 and the relevant disease chapters and as laboratory tests have been carried out accordance with the relevant chapters in the most current edition of the OIE Manual of diagnostic tests for aquatic animals, with all test giving negative results.]

(18) [7.3.1, the undersigned official inspector, hereby certify that the (1) [live fish] (1) [and] (1) [eggs] (1) [and] (1) [gametes] referred to at point 5 this certificate, which is considered susceptible (5) to *Gyrodactylus salaris*, originate from a territory (2)

- where *G. salaris* is notifiable to the competent authority, and reports of suspicion of infections must be immediately investigated by the official services,
- in which all introduction of species susceptible (5) to *G. salaris* has come from a zone or farm declared free from *G. salaris*,
- where all farms raising species susceptible (5) to *G. salaris* are under the supervision of the competent authority,
- where all necessary measures (14) are taken to prevent the introduction of diseases,
- that, in addition to the guarantees given in point 6 of this certificate, is approved by the competent authority as having an equivalent health status to those zones within the Community, having additional guarantees with regard to *Gyrodactylus salaris*, as they;

either (1) [originate from the following territory (2), which is considered free from *Gyrodactylus salaris* in accordance with Annex I to Decision 2003/858/EC.]

or (1) [originate from the following continental farm:, which at the time of the year *Gyrodactylus salaris* is expected to manifest itself, has been submitted for at least two years to inspections by the competent authorities, with sample size at least equivalent to those sampling programmes laid down in Commission Decision 2001/183/EC (12) and sampling and laboratory tests have been carried out in accordance with the relevant chapters in the most current edition of the OIE (7) Manual of diagnostic tests for aquatic animals, with all test giving negative results; and the farm is either situated in a part (19) of a water catchment area declared free (20) from *Gyrodactylus salaris*, or situated in a water catchment area declared free (20) from *G. salaris* and all other water catchment areas draining into the same estuary are declared free (20) (21) from *G. salaris*, and]

or (1) [originate from the following coastal farm:, which is situated in an coastal zone with a salinity below 25 parts per thousand, and where all water catchment areas draining into the estuary are declared free (20) (21) of *G. salaris*, and]

or (1) [originate from the following coastal farm:, which is situated in a coastal zone where the seawater has a salinity of more than 25 parts per thousand and no live fish of the susceptible species (5) have been introduced during the previous 14 days, and]

or (9) [originate from the following farm:, where the eggs have been disinfected according to the OIE International Aquatic Animal Health Code Sixth edition 2003, Appendix 5.2.1, ensuring the elimination *G. salaris*.]

8. Transport requirements

Furthermore, they:

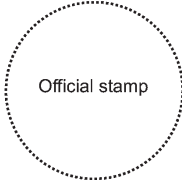
- are placed under conditions that do not alter their health status, and
- have been placed in (1) [sealed watertight containers which were cleaned and disinfected beforehand using an authorised disinfectant and which bear on the exterior a legible label] (1) [a well boat where the well and its pipe and pump systems were free of fish, cleaned and disinfected using an authorised disinfectant, and inspected before loading, carrying a manifest] with the relevant (22) information referred to in point 1, 2 and 3 of this certificate and with the following statement:

either ["(1) [Live fish] (1) [and] (1) [Eggs] (1) [and] (1) [Gametes] certified for farming in European Community zones and farms except those with a Community approved programme or status, and additional guarantees with regard to: viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS), infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN), spring viraemia of carp (SVC), infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN), bacterial kidney disease (BKD) and *Gyrodactylus salaris*."]

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<p>or</p> <p>or</p> <p>or</p>	<p>['Live fish of aquaculture origin certified for restocking of put-and-take fisheries in European Community zones and farms except those with a Community approved programme or status, additional guarantees or protective measures with regard to: viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS), infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN), spring viraemia of carp (SVC), infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN), bacterial kidney disease (BKD) and <i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i>.']</p> <p>['(1) [Live fish] (1) [and] (1) [Eggs] (1) [and] (1) [Gametes] certified for farming in European Community zones and farms including those with a Community approved programme or status, additional guarantees or protective measures with regard to: (1) [viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS)] (1) [and] (1) [infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN)] (1) [and] (1) [Spring viraemia of carp] (1) [and] (1) [Infectious pancreatic necrosis] (1) [and] (1) [Bacterial kidney disease] (1) [and] (1) [<i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i>].']</p> <p>['Live fish of aquaculture origin certified for restocking of put-and-take fisheries in European Community zones and farms including those with a Community approved programme or status, additional guarantees or protective measures with regard to: (1) [viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS)] (1) [and] (1) [infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN)] (1) [and] (1) [Spring viraemia of carp] (1) [and] (1) [Infectious pancreatic necrosis] (1) [and] (1) [Bacterial kidney disease] (1) [and] (1) [<i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i>].']</p>
<p>Done at,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Place)</p>	<p>on,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Date)</p>
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Indicative notes

- (1) Retain as appropriate
- (2) Territory (a whole country, or a zone or a farm) and code of territory as appearing in Annex I to Commission Decision 2003/858/EC
- (3) Specify as applicable: zone, farm, or in case of live fish for human consumption, establishment. If the zone is specified under point 3.2, then the name of the farm, or in case of live fish for human consumption, establishment, must be specified under point 3.3
- (4) The registration number(s) of rail-wagon or lorry and the name of the ship should be given as appropriate. If known, the flight number of the aircraft shall be specified.
In case of transport in containers or boxes, the total number, their registration and seal numbers, if present, shall be indicated under point 4.3
- (5) Known susceptible species, see table below

Disease	Susceptible host species (*)
ISA	Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>), rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>), brown trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>),
EHN	Redfin perch (<i>Perca fluviatilis</i>), rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>), Macquarie perch (<i>Macquaria australasica</i>), silver perch (<i>Bidyanus bidyanus</i>), mountain galaxias (<i>Galaxias olidus</i>), sheatfish (<i>Silurus glanis</i>), catfish (<i>Ictalurus melas</i>) and mosquito fish (<i>Gambusia affinis</i>) and other species belonging to the family Poeciliidae

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VHS	Fish belonging to the family <i>Salmonidae</i> , grayling (<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>), white fish (<i>Coregonus</i> spp.), pike (<i>Esox lucius</i>), turbot (<i>Scophthalmus maximus</i>), herring and sprat (<i>Clupea</i> spp.), Pacific salmon (<i>Oncorhynchus</i> spp.), Atlantic cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>), Pacific cod (<i>G. macrocephalus</i>), haddock (<i>G. aeglefinus</i>) and rockling (<i>Onos mustelus</i>).
IHN	Fish belonging to the family <i>Salmonidae</i> , pike (<i>Esox lucius</i>)
SVC	Common carp and koi carp (<i>Cyprinus carpio</i>), grass carp (<i>Ctenopharyngodon idellus</i>), silver carp (<i>Hypophthalmichthys molitrix</i>), bighead carp (<i>Aristichthys nobilis</i>), crucian carp (<i>Carassius carassius</i>), goldfish (<i>Carassius auratus</i>), tench (<i>Tinca tinca</i>) and sheatfish (<i>Silurus glanis</i>)
IPN	Rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>), brook trout (<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>), brown trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>), Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>), and several Pacific salmon species (<i>Oncorhynchus</i> spp.),
BKD	Fish belonging to the family <i>Salmonidae</i>
<i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i>	Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) Rainbow trout (<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>), Arctic char (<i>Salvelinus alpinus</i>), North American brook trout (<i>S. fontinalis</i>), grayling (<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>), North American lake trout (<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>) and brown trout (<i>Salmo trutta</i>). Other species of fish on sites where any of the above species are present shall also be considered as susceptible species.

(*) And any other species referred to in the most recent edition of the OIE International Aquatic Animal Health Code and/or the OIE Manual of diagnostic tests for aquatic animals as being susceptible for the pathogen/disease in question

(6) As applicable

(7) World Organisation for Animal Health

(8) Only applicable for live fish, retain as appropriate

(9) Applicable to eggs only, retain as appropriate

(10) As laid down in Council Directive 91/67/EEC, specific animal health requirements are needed in the case of exports to farms or zones within the EC with a Community approved programme or status, additional guarantees with regard to one or more of the diseases referred to in list II and III of Annex A to Directive 91/67/EEC.

(11) Specific requirements needed in the case of exports to farms or zones within the EC with a Community approved programme or status for viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) and/or infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) respectively

(12) 'Model A or B' as laid down in Decision 2001/183/EC, as well as the requirements in Directives 91/67/EEC and 93/53/EEC, retain as appropriate

(13) In accordance with Directives 91/67/EEC and 93/53/EEC, and Decision 2001/183/EC; new farms which commence activity with fish, eggs and gametes that have an equivalent health status according to the central competent authority of the exporting country to those farms and zones approved in the EC with regard to VHS and/or IHN respectively, and otherwise meet the requirements in Annex C I.A, 6(a) to Directive 91/67/EEC; or farms which recommence their activities after officially supervised cleaning and disinfection and 15 days of fallowing, and which introduce only fish, eggs and gametes that have an equivalent health status according to the central competent authority of the exporting country to those farms and zones approved in the EC with regard to VHS and/or IHN respectively and otherwise meet the requirements in Annex C I.A, 6(b) to Directive 91/67/EEC. Retain as appropriate

(14) Not applicable to coastal or continental zones with no farms. High bio-security level must be maintained. Fish from non-approved farms or zones must not be introduced into approved farms and zones. Ponds with susceptible species should be covered or be located at a safe distance from non-approved farms. Uncontrolled public access should be prevented. The site must not be used for angling purposes unless under conditions authorised and supervised by the local competent authority.

(15) Specific additional requirements needed in the case of exports to Member States or parts of Member States within the EC with Community approved free status or control and eradication programmes (additional guarantees) as regards spring viraemia of carp (SVC), infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN), and/or bacterial kidney disease (BKD), according to Commission Decision 2004/453/EC.

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- (16) Applicable to species susceptible to SVC, IPN and/or BKD only, introduced into areas with additional guarantees for SVC, IPN and/or BKD. Retain as applicable.
- (17) Applicable only to continental farms where epizootiological investigations have shown that the disease has not spread to other farms or into the wild. Retain as applicable.
- (18) Specific additional requirements needed in the case of exports to Member States or parts of Member States within the EC with Community approved free status (additional guarantees) as regards *Gyrodactylus salaris* according to Commission Decision 2004/453/EC.
- (19) According to Annex B, I A to Directive 91/67/EEC a part of a water catchment area can only be declared free from a disease if it consists of the upper part of the catchment area from its sources of the waterways to a natural or artificial barrier preventing fish migrating from downstream of that barrier.
- (20) According to the requirements in Annex I, Chapter 1.B of Decision 2004/453/EC.
- (21) When declaring continental zones free of *Gyrodactylus salaris*, it must be taken into account that the disease may spread by migrating fish between different continental zones if the salinity between them is low or intermediate (below 25 ppt). Hence one individual continental zone can not be declared free if another continental zone draining into the same coastal zone is infected or has unknown status, unless they are separated by seawater with salinity above 25 ppt.
- (22) Country and territory of origin (code) and of destination; name and telephone number of the consignor and consignee. In case of a transport with well boat, the transport route from the place of loading to the place of destination should be given.

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ANNEX III

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Explanatory notes

- (a) The certificates shall be produced by the competent authorities of the exporting country, based on the appropriate model appearing in Annex II, IV, or V to this Decision taking into account the use to which the fish are to be put after the arrival to the EC.
- (b) Considering the status of the place of destination as regards viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS), infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN), spring viraemia of carp (SVC), bacterial kidney disease (BKD), infectious pancreatic necrosis (IPN) and *Gyrodactylus salaris* (*G. salaris*) in the EC Member State, the appropriate specific additional requirements shall be incorporated and completed in the certificate.
- (c) The original of each certificate shall consist of a single page, double-sided, or, where more than one page is required, it shall be in such a form that all pages form part of an integrated whole and are indivisible.
- It shall, on the right hand side of the top of each page, be marked as “original” and bear a specific code number issued by the competent authority. All pages of the certificate shall be numbered - (*page number*) of (*total number of pages*).
- (d) The original of the certificate and the labels referred to in the model certificate shall be drawn up in at least one official language of the EC Member State in which the inspection at the border post shall be carried out and of the EC Member State of destination. However, these Member States may allow other languages, if necessary, accompanied by an official translation.
- (e) The original of the certificate must be completed on the day of loading the consignment for exportation to the EC with an official stamp and signed by an official inspector designated by the competent authority. In doing so, the competent authority of the exporting country shall ensure that the principles of certification equivalent to those laid down in Council Directive 96/93/EC are followed.
- The stamp, unless embossed, and the signature shall be in a colour different to that of the printing.
- (f) If for reasons of identification of the items of the consignment, additional pages are attached to the certificate, these pages shall be considered as forming part of the original and be signed and stamped by the certifying official inspector on each page.
- (g) The original of the certificate must accompany the consignment until it reaches the EC border inspection post.
- (h) The certificate shall be valid for 10 days from the date of issue. In the case of transport by ship, the time of validity is prolonged by the time of journey at sea.
- (i) The fish, their eggs and gametes, shall not be transported together with other fish, eggs or gametes that, either are not destined to EC, or are of a lower health status. Furthermore, they must not be transported under any other conditions that alter their health status.
- (j) The possible presence of pathogens in the water is relevant for considering the health status of live fish, eggs and gametes. The certifying officer should therefore consider the following: The “Place of origin” should be the localisation of the farm where the fish, eggs or gametes was reared reaching their commercial size relevant for the consignment covered by this certificate.”