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ANNEX I

Minimum conditions for quarantine facilities

PART A

Construction and equipment conditions

1. The quarantine facility must be a premise which is separated from other quarantine facilities, other farms or other mollusc farming areas, by a distance specified by the competent authority on the basis of a risk assessment which takes into account the epidemiology of the relevant listed disease(s). However, a quarantine facility may be located within a farm or mollusc farming area.
2. The quarantine units must be constructed in such a way that water exchanges amongst them are not possible. In addition, the water outlet system of each quarantine unit must be designed to prevent any possible cross-contamination amongst quarantine units or other units of the same farm or mollusc farming area.
3. The water supply of the quarantine units must be free of the relevant listed disease(s).
4. When the draining system of the quarantine units is located in [^{F1}a constituent GB territory] zone, compartment or third country or part thereof declared free of a listed disease(s) or subject to a surveillance or eradication programme with regard to a listed disease(s), it must have an effluent treatment system approved by the competent authority. The effluent treatment system must:
 - (a) treat all effluents and wastes generated within the quarantine unit in a manner that effectively inactivates the infectious agent responsible for the relevant listed disease(s);
 - (b) be equipped with fail-safe backup mechanisms to ensure continuous operation and complete containment.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Annex 1 Pt. A para. 4 substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by [The Animals, Aquatic Animal Health, Invasive Alien Species, Plant Propagating Material and Seeds \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1388\)](#), regs. 1(2)(c), **8(16)(a)**

5. The quarantine units must be constructed in such a way that the contact with other animals likely to spread the relevant listed disease(s) is prevented.
6. All equipment must be constructed in such a way that it can be cleansed and disinfected and appropriate equipment must be available for cleansing and disinfection.
7. Hygiene barriers have to be installed at all entrances/exits to the quarantine facility and to its different units.
8. Each quarantine unit of the quarantine facility must have its own equipment in order to avoid cross contamination amongst the different quarantine units.

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PART B

Management conditions

1. The aquaculture production business operator of the quarantine facility must secure, by contract or legal instrument, the services of an approved qualified aquatic animal health professional.
2. For each consignment of aquaculture animals quarantined:
 - (a) the quarantine unit must be cleansed and disinfected and then kept free from aquaculture animals for at least seven days before the introduction of a new consignment;
 - (b) the quarantine period shall only start when the last aquaculture animals of the consignment are introduced.
3. Appropriate measures shall be taken to prevent cross-contamination between incoming and outgoing consignments.
4. No unauthorised persons may enter the quarantine facility.
5. Persons entering the quarantine facility must wear protective clothing including footwear.
6. No contacts between personnel or equipment, which may cause contamination between quarantine facilities or quarantine units or between quarantine facilities and farms or mollusc farming areas, shall take place.
7. Upon receipt, transport vehicles and equipment, including tanks, containers and water must be treated in a manner that effectively inactivates the infectious agent responsible for the relevant listed disease(s).
8. Dead aquaculture animals and aquaculture animals showing clinical signs of disease must be clinically inspected by an approved qualified aquatic animal health professional and a representative selection of dead aquaculture animals and aquaculture animals showing clinical signs of disease must be examined in a laboratory designated by the competent authority.
9. The necessary examination, sampling and diagnostic methods must be carried out in consultation with and under the control of the competent authority.
10. In addition to the recording obligations provided for in [F²regulation 6 of the Aquatic Animal Health Regulations], the quarantine facility must keep a record of:
 - (a) entry/exit time of personnel;
 - (b) treatment of incoming water and of effluent water as appropriate;
 - (c) any abnormal conditions affecting quarantine operation (power cuts, building damage or serious weather conditions);
 - (d) dates and results of samples submitted for testing.

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Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Annex 1 Pt. B para. 10 substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by [The Animals, Aquatic Animal Health, Invasive Alien Species, Plant Propagating Material and Seeds \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1388), regs. 1(2)(c), **8(16)(b)**

ANNEX II

Examination, sampling, testing and diagnosis of aquaculture animals

1. The examination, sampling, testing and diagnosis of aquaculture animals shall be carried out ensuring that the environmental conditions conducive to the laboratorial detection of the relevant listed disease(s) are present in the quarantine facility during the whole quarantine period.
2. During quarantine, the following aquaculture animals shall be sampled within 15 days before date of the expiry of the quarantine period:
 - (a) when sentinel aquaculture animals are used, samples from all of them must be taken;
 - (b) when sentinel aquaculture animals are not used, samples must be taken from a relevant number of aquaculture animals ensuring the detection of the relevant listed disease(s) with a 95 % confidence if the design prevalence is 10 % (never less than 10 animals).
3. Subject to Article 18, testing of samples taken during quarantine must be carried out in laboratories designated by the competent authority using the diagnostic methods [^{F3}in Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1554 laying down rules for the application of [Directive 2006/88/EC](#) as regards requirements for surveillance and diagnostic methods].

Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in Annex 2 para. 3 substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by [The Animals, Aquatic Animal Health, Invasive Alien Species, Plant Propagating Material and Seeds \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/1388), regs. 1(2)(c), **8(17)**

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