

Commission Decision of 31 October 2008 implementing Council Directive 2006/88/EC as regards surveillance and eradication programmes and disease-free status of Member States, zones and compartments (notified under document number C(2008) 6264) (Text with EEA relevance) (2009/177/EC)

SECTION 1

SUBMISSION OF SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMMES AND DISEASE-FREE STATUS DECLARATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Article 1

Conditions for submission of surveillance programmes for approval

1 Surveillance programmes shall only be submitted for approval, as provided in the first subparagraph of Article 44(1) of Directive 2006/88/EC, if they cover:

- a the whole territory of a Member State;
- b compartments or groups thereof, comprising more than 75 % of the coastal area of the Member State concerned as regards diseases which only affect salt water species;
- c zones and compartments, or groups thereof, comprising more than 75 % of the continental area of the Member State concerned as regards diseases which only affect fresh water species;
- d zones and compartments, or groups thereof, comprising more than 75 % of the continental area and coastal area of the Member State concerned as regards diseases which affect both fresh water and salt water species; or
- e zones and compartments, which consist of water catchment areas shared with another Member State or third country.

2 For the purpose of this Decision, a compartment or group of compartments of a coastal area shall be considered to cover more than 75 % of the coastal area of a Member State when it covers more than 75 % of the coastline, measured along the baseline of the coast.

Article 2

Conditions for the submission of disease-free status declarations for approval

Disease-free status declarations shall only be submitted for approval, as provided for in Article 50(3) of Directive 2006/88/EC, if the declaration complies with one of the conditions set out in Article 1(1) of this Decision.