

Council Directive 2006/88/EC of 24 October 2006 on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals

CHAPTER II

**AQUACULTURE PRODUCTION BUSINESSES AND  
AUTHORISED PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENTS**

*Article 7*

**Official controls**

1 In accordance with Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 882/2004, official controls on aquaculture production businesses and authorised processing establishments shall be carried out by the competent authority.

2 The official controls provided for in paragraph 1 shall at least consist of regular inspections, visits, audits, and where appropriate, sampling, for each aquaculture production business, taking account of the risk the aquaculture production business and authorised processing establishment poses in relation to the contracting and spreading of diseases. Recommendations for the frequencies of such controls, depending on the health status of the concerned zone or compartment, are laid down in Part B of Annex III.

3 Detailed rules for the implementation of this Article may be adopted in accordance with the procedure referred to in Article 62(2).