

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687 of 17 December 2019  
supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European  
Parliament and the Council, as regards rules for the prevention  
and control of certain listed diseases (Text with EEA relevance)

PART III

AQUATIC ANIMALS

CHAPTER I

*Disease control measures for category A diseases in aquaculture animals*

*Section 2*

*Disease control measures in the event of official  
confirmation of A category A disease in aquaculture animals*

*Article 79*

**Specific derogations from control measures in establishments where listed species are kept for scientific purposes or purposes related to conservation of endangered species**

1 The competent authority may grant derogations from the measures provided for in Article 78(1)(a) and (c) in the event of an official confirmation of a category A disease in establishments where listed species are kept for scientific purposes or purposes related to conservation of endangered species, provided that:

- a the animal health status of the concerned Member State, or of other Member States, is not jeopardised; and
- b all appropriate biosecurity measures as listed in Article 78 are taken to prevent any risk of spreading of the category A disease agent.

2 Where a derogation is granted pursuant to paragraph 1, the competent authority shall ensure that aquaculture animals of listed species covered by the derogation are:

- a kept in premises where appropriate biosecurity measures to avoid spread of the relevant category A disease are implemented; and
- b subjected to further surveillance and laboratory examination and are not moved from the establishment until the laboratory tests have indicated that they do not pose a risk of further spread of the relevant category A disease.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687, Article 79.