
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations implement in respect of Northern Ireland Council Directive [93/53/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L175, 19.7.93, p. 23) introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain fish diseases, to the extent that it is not implemented by existing legislation.

The Regulations—

- (a) require that an official census be conducted and a record kept, and updated, of the fish populations on farms which are suspected of being infected with fish diseases (regulation 3 and Schedule 2);
- (b) set out the control measures to be taken when the presence of a disease listed in Part I of Schedule 3 is suspected on a farm (regulation 4 and Schedule 4);
- (c) set out the control measures to be taken when the presence of a disease listed in Part I of Schedule 3 is confirmed on a farm (regulation 5 and Schedule 5);
- (d) set out the control measures to be taken when the presence of a disease listed in Part II of Schedule 3 is suspected in an approved zone or on an approved farm (i.e., a zone or farm which has obtained approved status under Council Directive [91/67/EEC](#) (O.J. No. L46, 19.2.91, p. 1) concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products) in a non-approved zone (regulation 6 and Schedule 4);
- (e) set out the control measures to be taken when the presence of a disease listed in Part II of Schedule 3 is confirmed in an approved zone or on an approved farm in a non-approved zone (regulation 7 and Schedule 5);
- (f) set out the control measures to be taken when a disease listed in Part II of Schedule 3 is suspected at a non-approved farm in a non-approved zone (regulation 8);
- (g) set out the control measures to be taken when a disease listed in Schedule 3 is suspected or confirmed amongst fish in the wild (regulation 9);
- (h) prohibit the vaccination of fish against diseases (regulation 10);
- (i) provide powers for the enforcement of these Regulations including powers of entry (regulations 11 to 13);
- (j) provide that contravention of any provisions of the Regulations or any notice served under them shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (£5,000) (regulation 14).