
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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Fish Health Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1998

Part II

General

Placing on the market of aquaculture animals and aquaculture products

- 3.—(1) A person shall not place on the market—
- (a) aquaculture animals unless they meet the requirements set out in paragraph (2);
 - (b) aquaculture products for breeding purposes unless they are derived from aquaculture animals which meet the requirements set out in paragraph (2); or
 - (c) aquaculture products for human consumption unless they are derived from aquaculture animals which meet the requirements set out in paragraph (2)(a).
- (2) The requirements for aquaculture animals referred to in paragraph (1) are—
- (a) where placing on the market involves the loading of aquaculture animals, they shall not show clinical signs of disease on the day of loading;
 - (b) they shall not be intended for destruction or slaughter under a scheme for the eradication of a disease referred to in Annex A of the Directive;
 - (c) they shall not come from a farm which is subject to a prohibition which has been imposed for aquaculture animal health reasons; and
 - (d) they shall not have been in contact with aquaculture animals from a farm which is subject to a prohibition which has been imposed for aquaculture animal health reasons.
- (3) The provisions of this regulation are without prejudice to the provisions of regulations 4, 5, 9 and 10 of the Diseases of Fish (Control) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(1).

Transportation of aquaculture animals

- 4.—(1) A person shall not transport aquaculture animals unless the requirements set out in paragraph (2) are met.
- (2) The requirements for the transport of aquaculture animals referred to in paragraph (1) are that—
- (a) the duration of the journey shall be as short as reasonably possible;
 - (b) the means of transport shall have been cleaned and disinfected before the aquaculture animals are loaded;
 - (c) if the aquaculture animals are transported overland in water, they shall be transported in such a manner that the water cannot escape from the vehicle during transport;

- (d) all reasonable steps shall be taken to safeguard the health of the aquaculture animals, including, if appropriate, changing the water in which they are transported; and
- (e) any water used in the transport of the aquaculture animals shall only be changed at an approved water station.

Identification of aquaculture animals and aquaculture products

5.—(1) A person shall not despatch a consignment of aquaculture animals or aquaculture products unless information is provided in accordance with paragraph (2) which—

- (a) identifies the consignment;
- (b) enables the farm of origin or, in the case of aquaculture animals or aquaculture products from the wild, the place of origin to be traced; and
- (c) where a movement document is required by these Regulations to accompany the consignment, enables the aquaculture animals or aquaculture products comprising the consignment to be linked to that movement document.

(2) The information referred to in paragraph (1) shall be provided on the container for the consignment to which it relates or on a label fixed to the container or on the movement document accompanying the consignment.