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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 335**

**The Alien and Locally Absent Species in  
Aquaculture Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**PART 1**

**GENERAL**

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and come into operation on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) Subject to regulations 22(1) and 26(1), the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (1) applies to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

(2) In these Regulations—

“an Annex IV species” means any species listed in Annex IV to Council Regulation 708/2007, as amended from time to time;

“aquaculture facility” includes an open and a closed aquaculture facility;

“contravention” includes a failure to comply;

“Council Regulation 708/2007” means Council Regulation (EC) No 708/2007 concerning use of alien and locally absent species in aquaculture, as last amended by Regulation (EU) No 304/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council;

“the Department” means the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development;

“inspector” means a person appointed to be an inspector for the purposes of these Regulations by the Department;

“Northern Ireland” has the meaning given in section 98(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998(2);

“notice” means notice in writing;

“permit” means a permit granted by the Department under Council Regulation 708/2007.

(3) Expressions used in these Regulations which are also used in Council Regulation 708/2007 have the same meaning as they have in that Council Regulation.

**Designation of Department as competent authority**

3. The Department is designated the competent authority for the purposes of Article 5 of Council Regulation 708/2007.

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(1) 1954 c.33 (N.I.)

(2) 1998 c.47 (N.I.)

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**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally made).*

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