
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Fish Health Regulations 1997

PART IV

DISEASE AND POWERS

Powers—diseases of molluscs

14.—(1) If a veterinary inspector has reasonable grounds for suspecting amongst molluscs the presence of a disease listed in Schedule 1 he may—

- (a) by notice in writing served on the person appearing to have charge of any molluscs kept on such premises as are specified in the notice, prohibit the movement of any molluscs on to or off such premises, except under the written authority of the Minister; or
- (b) by notice in writing served on any person appearing to him to be appropriate, prohibit the taking of any molluscs from any area as is specified in the notice except under the written authority of the Minister.

(2) A notice served under paragraph (1) above shall remain in force until withdrawn by a further notice in writing served by a veterinary inspector on the person on whom the initial notice was served.

(3) If the result of a test for the presence of a disease of molluscs listed in Schedule 1 is positive, the Minister may, by notice in writing served on the person appearing to have charge of any molluscs, facilities or equipment—

- (a) require the destruction of all infected or contaminated molluscs; and
- (b) require the disinfection of facilities and equipment.