

Council Directive 2006/88/EC of 24 October 2006 on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals

CHAPTER V

**NOTIFICATION AND MINIMUM MEASURES FOR  
CONTROL OF DISEASES OF AQUATIC ANIMALS**

SECTION 2

**Suspicion of a listed disease – Epizootic investigation**

*Article 28*

**Initial control measures**

Member States shall ensure that, in the case of a suspicion of an exotic disease listed in Part II of Annex IV or, in the case of suspicion of a non-exotic disease listed in Part II of Annex IV in Member States, zones or compartments with a health status of either category I or III as referred to in Part A of Annex III, for that disease:

- (a) appropriate samples are taken and examined in a laboratory designated in accordance with Article 57;
- (b) pending the result of the examination provided for in point (a):
  - (i) the farm, or mollusc farming area, in which the disease is suspected, is placed under official surveillance and relevant control measures are implemented to prevent the spreading of the disease to other aquatic animals;
  - (ii) no aquaculture animals are allowed to leave or enter the affected farm or mollusc farming area in which the disease is suspected, unless authorised by the competent authority;
  - (iii) the epizootic investigation provided for in Article 29 is initiated.