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 III**

# ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACING ON THE MARKET OF AQUACULTURE ANIMALS AND PRODUCTS THEREOF

#### **SECTION 3**

### Aquaculture animals and products thereof intended for human consumption

#### Article 18

# Aquaculture animals and products thereof placed on the market for further processing before human consumption

- 1 Member States shall ensure that aquaculture animals of species susceptible to one or more of the non-exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex IV, and products thereof, may only be placed on the market for further processing in a Member State, zone or compartment declared free of those diseases in accordance with Articles 49 or 50, if they comply with one of the following conditions:
  - a they originate from another Member State, zone or compartment declared free of the disease in question;
  - b they are processed in an authorised processing establishment under conditions which prevent the spreading of diseases;
  - c as regards fish, they are slaughtered and eviscerated before dispatch;

or

- d as regards molluscs and crustaceans, they are dispatched as unprocessed or processed products.
- Member States shall ensure that live aquaculture animals of species susceptible to one or more of the non-exotic diseases listed in Part II of Annex IV which are placed on the market for further processing in a Member State, zone or compartment declared free of those diseases in accordance with Articles 49 or 50, may only be temporarily stored at the place of processing if:
  - a they originate from another Member State, zone, or compartment declared free of the disease in question;

or

b they are temporarily kept in dispatch centres, purification centres or similar businesses which are equipped with an effluent treatment system inactivating the pathogens in question, or where the effluent is subject to other types of treatment reducing the risk of transmitting diseases to the natural waters to an acceptable level.

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### Article 19

# Aquaculture animals and products thereof placed on the market for human consumption without further processing

- This section shall not apply where aquaculture animals of species susceptible to one or more of the diseases listed in Part II of Annex IV, or products thereof, are placed on the market for human consumption without further processing, provided that they are packed in retail-sale packages which comply with the provisions for packaging and labelling provided for in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.
- Where live molluses and crustaceans of species susceptible to one or more of the diseases listed in Part II of Annex IV are temporarily relayed in Community waters, or introduced into dispatch centres, purification centres or similar businesses, they shall comply with Article 18(2).