

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 2

Aquaculture animals intended for farming and restocking

Article 15

General requirements for the placing of aquaculture animals on the market for farming and restocking

1 Without prejudice to the provisions laid down in Chapter V, Member States shall ensure that aquaculture animals placed on the market for farming are:

a clinically healthy;

and

b do not come from a farm or mollusc farming area where there is any unresolved increased mortality.

This paragraph shall also apply in relation to diseases and the species susceptible thereto not listed in Part II of Annex IV.

2 By way of derogation from paragraph 1(b), Member States may allow such placing on the market, based on an assessment of risk, provided that the animals originate from a part of the farm or mollusc farming area independent of the epidemiological unit where the increased mortality has occurred.

3 Member States shall ensure that aquaculture animals intended for destruction or slaughter in accordance with the disease control measures provided for in Chapter V are not placed on the market for farming and restocking purposes.

4 Aquaculture animals may only be released into the wild for restocking purposes or into put and take fisheries if they:

a comply with the requirements in paragraph 1;

and

b come from a farm or mollusc farming area with a health status as referred to in Part A of Annex III, at least equivalent to the health status of the waters in which they are to be released.

However, Member States may decide that the aquaculture animals shall come from a zone or compartment declared disease-free in accordance with Articles 49 or 50. Member States may also decide to apply this paragraph to programmes drawn up and applied in accordance with Article 43.