

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 1

**Disease notification**

*Article 26*

**National notification**

- 1 Member States shall ensure that:
  - a when there are any reasons to suspect the presence of a disease listed in Part II of Annex IV, or the presence of such disease is confirmed in aquatic animals, the suspicion and/or the confirmation is immediately notified to the competent authority;
  - and
  - b when increased mortality occurs in aquaculture animals, the mortality is immediately notified to the competent authority or a private veterinarian for further investigations.
- 2 Member States shall ensure that the obligations to notify the matters referred to in paragraph 1 are imposed on:
  - a the owner and any person attending aquatic animals;
  - b any person accompanying aquaculture animals during transport;
  - c veterinary practitioners and other professionals involved in aquatic animal health services;
  - d official veterinarians, senior staff of veterinary or other official or private laboratories;
  - and
  - e any other person with an occupational relationship to aquatic animals of susceptible species or to products of such animals.

*Article 27*

**Notification of the other Member States, the Commission and EFTA Member States**

Member States shall notify the other Member States, the Commission and EFTA Member States within 24 hours in case of confirmation of:

- (a) an exotic disease listed in Part II of Annex IV;
- (b) a non-exotic disease listed in Part II of Annex IV where the Member State concerned, zone, or compartment has been declared free of that disease.