

Directive on animal health requirements for aquaculture

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// abstract:

This directive deals with the following issues:

- The animal health requirements for the marketing, import and transit of aquaculture animals or products;
- The minimum preventive measures to inform and prepare the competent authorities, the operators of aquaculture production companies and other involved persons on the possible diseases of aquaculture animals;
- The minimum control measures that are applied in case of a (suspected) outbreak of a disease among the aquaculture animals.

This directive does not apply to aquatic animals grown in non-commercial aquaria for decoration purposes, to animals collected or caught in the wild that are directly destined for the food chain, and to animals caught for the production of fishmeal, fish feed, fish oil and similar products.