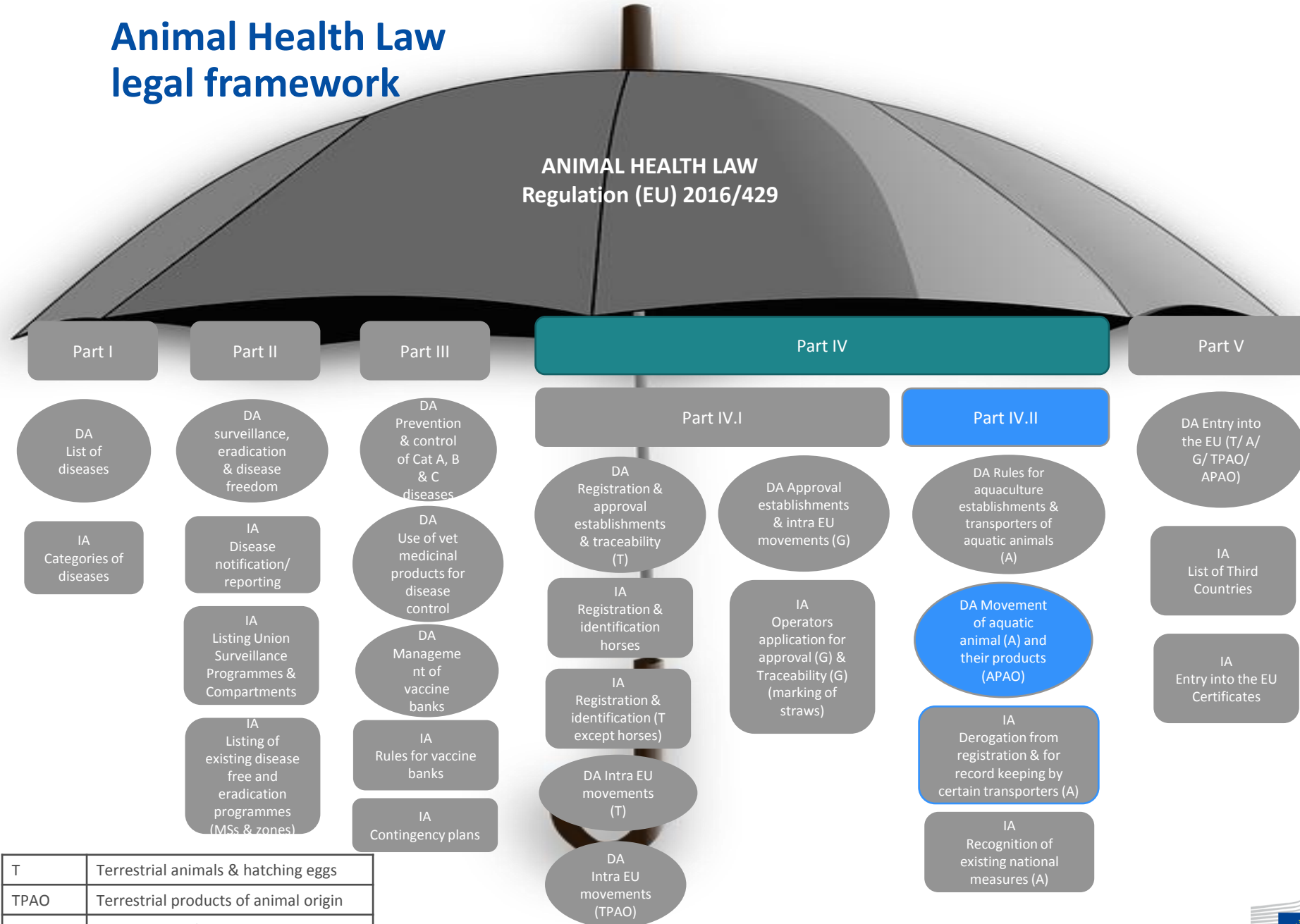


# Animal health requirements for movements of aquatic animals (A)

AHL, Part IV, Title II, Chapter 2, Sections 1 to 4

Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/990

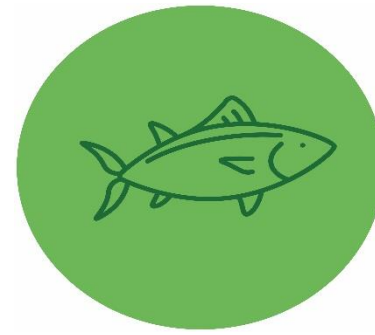
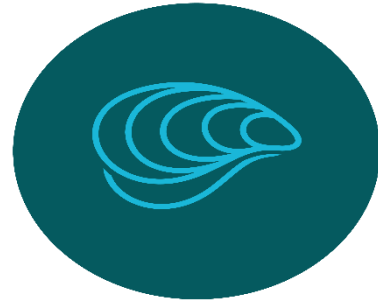
# Animal Health Law legal framework



T	Terrestrial animals & hatching eggs		
TPAO	Terrestrial products of animal origin		
A	Aquatic animals		
APAO	Aquatic products of animal origin	○	Delegated Act (DA)
G	Germinal products	□	Implementing Act (IA)

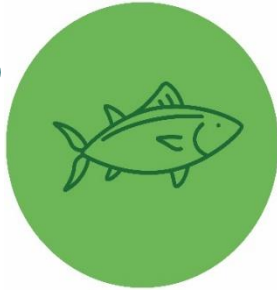
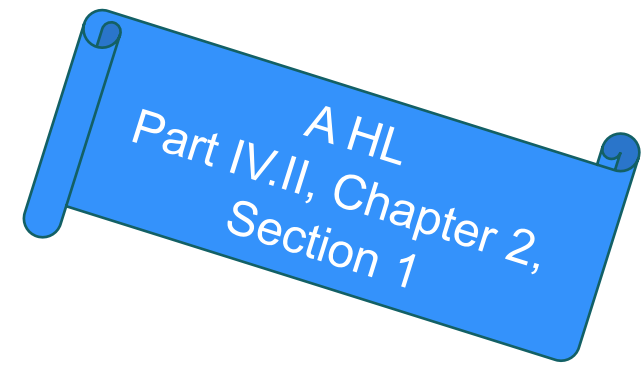
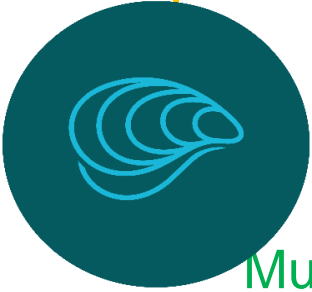
IA intra EU animal health Certificates (T/ A/ G/ TPAO/ APAO)

# 'Old' rules



- **Council Directive 2006/88/EC** *on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals*
- **Commission Regulation (EC) No 1251/2008** *implementing Council Directive 2006/88/EC as regards conditions and certification requirements for the placing on the market and the import into the Community of aquaculture animals and products thereof and laying down a list of vector species*
- **Repealed** from 21 April 2021

# General requirements for movements



**Must not jeopardise** the health status of the place of destination with regard to diseases referred to in Article 9(1)(d) of AHL, or emerging diseases

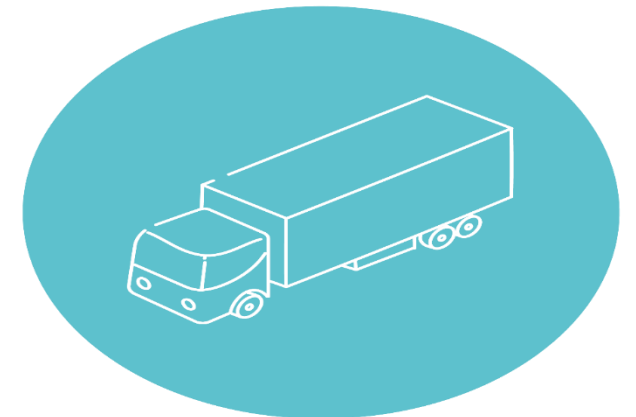
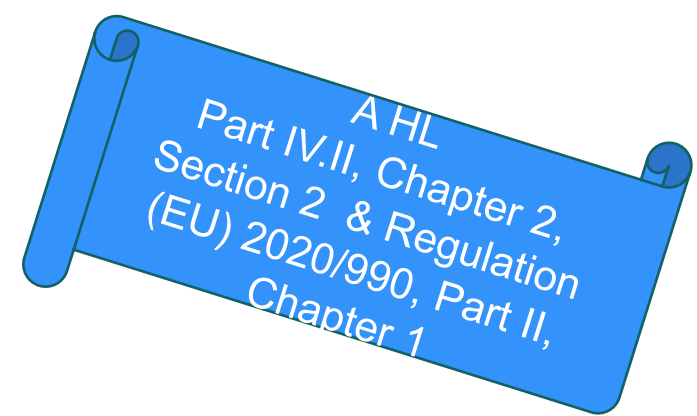
- Operators shall only move aquatic animals into an aquaculture establishment, or for human consumption, or release them into the wild if :
  - except in the case of wild aquatic animals, they come from **registered or approved establishments**, or those establishments with a derogation from the requirement to be registered
  - they are **not subject to movement restrictions or emergency measures**, except if they are otherwise authorised to move by the CA

Operators must take measures to ensure that aquatic animals are **consigned directly** to the place of destination

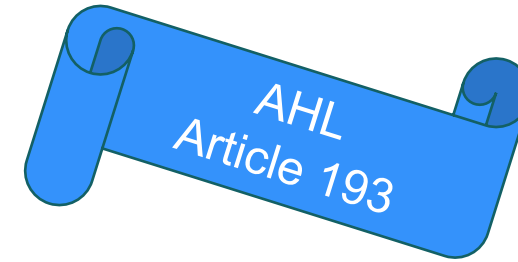
# Disease prevention in relation to transport

Operators shall ensure that:

- Health status **not jeopardised** during transport
- **Transportation does not cause the spread** of diseases referred to in Article 9(1)(d) or emerging diseases – en-route or at place of destination
- **Cleaning & disinfection** of equipment and means of transport as appropriate to the risks involved
- **Exchanges and discharge of water** on land and at sea carried out at places and under conditions that do not jeopardise health status
- DA sets out **more detailed rules** on:
  - Cleaning and disinfection
  - Water exchanges
  - Labelling of consignments and link to the health certificate



## Change of intended use



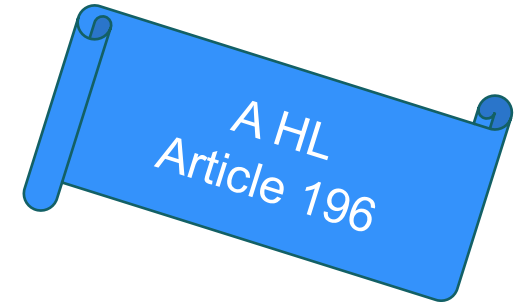
- Aquatic animals moved for human consumption, aquaculture, release into the wild or any other purpose shall not be used for any purpose other than the intended one, unless so authorised by the CA
- Specifically, aquatic animals moved for destruction or slaughter in accordance with disease control or emergency measures shall not be used for any other purpose

## Obligations of operators at place of destination



- **Check** the health certificate or self-declaration document is present
- **Inform the CA at the place of destination of any irregularity** in relation to the documents or the aquatic animals themselves
- If an irregularity is observed, **isolate** the aquatic animals until the **CA has taken a decision** in relation to them

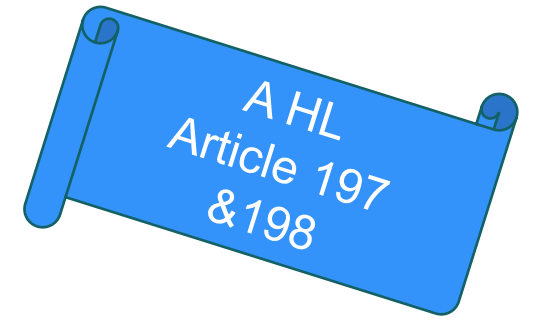
# Abnormal mortalities or other serious disease symptoms



- Operators shall only move aquatic animals if they show **no disease symptoms** and originate from an aquaculture establishment or environment where there are **no abnormal mortalities** with an undetermined cause
- Derogation may apply if the animals originate from a part of the establishment or from the wild that is **independent of the epidemiological** unit where the mortalities or other disease symptoms have occurred BUT must be approved by the MS of destination and transit (where relevant)



## Movements of aquaculture animals to MS/zone/compartiment which is declared disease-free or under an eradication programme



- Operators shall only move aquaculture animals of **listed species** to MS/zone/compartiment which is free or under an eradication programme for a specific Cat B or C disease if they originate from a **disease-free MS/ zone/ compartment**
- By way of derogation, operators may move aquaculture animals of listed species from zone/ compartiment under an eradication programme to another zone/ compartiment **under an eradication programme** for the same disease(s), provided the movement does not jeopardise the programme at the destination
- Several **derogations** set out in the DA .....

Movements of **aquaculture animals** to MS/zone/compartment which is declared disease-free or under an eradication programme- **Derogations**



- Listed as vector species in CIR 2018/1882, but do not meet the criteria set out in Annex 1 of the DA and **are not therefore, vectors**
- Listed as vector species in CIR 2018/1882 and meet the criteria set out in Annex I of the DA, but have completed **quarantine** in an establishment approved in accordance with Article 15 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/691
- Listed as vector species in CIR 2018/1882 and meet the criteria set out in Annex I of the DA but have been **kept in isolation** in an establishment approved in accordance with Article 16 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/691
- Destined for a **confined establishment for scientific purposes**

# Release of aquatic animals to the wild



- Generally, **the same rules apply** i.e. movements only from:
  - disease- free to disease-free
  - disease-free to eradication programme
  - eradication programme to eradication programme (provided the health status of the destination is not compromised)
- MS may however, require aquatic animals which are to be released into the wild to originate from a disease-free MS/zone/compartment, **regardless of the health status of the area where they are to be released**
- Provisions also apply to live aquatic animals of listed species which are to be used as **fishing bait**

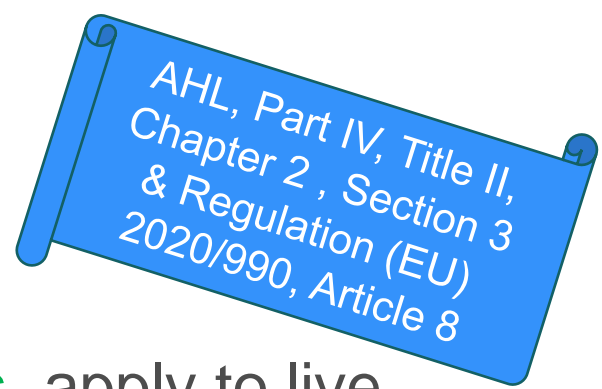
# Movements of wild aquatic animals to aquaculture establishments - **Derogations**



Wild aquatic animals of listed species may be moved to a **disease-free** MS/zone/compartment or one which is undergoing an eradication programme, from a MS/zone/compartment which is **not disease-free** or undergoing an eradication programme, under the following circumstances:

- they have **completed quarantine** in an establishment approved in accordance with Article 15 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/691
- they are vector species which have been **kept in isolation** in an establishment approved in accordance with Article 16 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/691

## Movement of aquatic animals intended for human consumption **plus derogations**



- Rules as previously described for other live aquatic animals, apply to live aquatic animals of listed species which are moved for human consumption
- But, they do not need to originate from a free area or one under an eradication programme (as appropriate) under the following circumstances:
  - the animals are listed as vector species but do not meet the criteria set out in Annex 1 of the DA and are **not therefore vectors** of the disease(s) in question
  - the animals are destined for a **disease control aquatic food establishment** approved in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) 2020/691
  - they are molluscs or crustaceans which are **intended for direct human consumption** and are packaged and labelled in compliance with Regulation (EC) No 853/2004

# Production, processing and distribution within the Union of products of animal origin (PAO) from aquatic animals

Production, processing and distribution within the Union of products of animal origin from aquatic animals, other than live aquatic animals **plus derogations**

AHL, Article 222  
Reg (EU) 2020/990,  
Article 22

1. PAO should not originate from establishments or businesses which are subject to **emergency measures or movement restrictions**, unless authorised by the CA
2. If **intended for further processing** in a disease-free MS/zone/compartment or one subject to an eradication programme, the requirement for the PAO to originate from a MS/zone/compartment which is also disease-free or subject to an eradication programme (as relevant) **applies other than** if the PAO is:
  - fish which have been slaughtered and eviscerated prior to movement
  - destined for a Disease Control Aquatic Food Establishment

**NOTE:** Article 222 of the AHL **does not apply to PAO from wild aquatic animals** harvested or caught for direct human consumption

# Thank you



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