

SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION FOR RECOGNITION OF DISEASE-FREE STATUS FOR CATEGORY C DISEASES OF AQUATIC ANIMALS IN ACCORDANCE [CHAPTER 4 OF PART II OF REGULATION \(EU\) 2020/689](#) AND ARTICLE 11 OF [COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION \(EU\) 2020/2002](#)

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3. Name of Category C disease	Infection with <i>Bonamia ostrea</i> , Infection with <i>Bonamia exitiosa</i> and Infection with <i>Martelia refringens</i> .
4. Identification of the grounds for recognition of disease-free status	Based on Article 80, paragraph 2 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689.
5. Territorial scope	<p>(b) compartment:</p> <p>Description of compartment:</p> <p>The compartment consists of one establishment.</p> <p>Blue Linked B.V. Roemer 16 2391 NP Hazerswoude-Dorp Approval number: 227561 (See Annex 1)</p> <p>The establishment is a saltwater 100% closed recirculation system (RAS) for the cultivation of flat oysters (<i>Ostrea edulis</i>), oyster spat and the production of structures with oyster spat for nature restoration purposes. The water capacity per RAS-system is 1.000 to 6.000 liters, with a total capacity of over 25.000 liters. The production capacity is variable with >100 adult oyster broodstock at the start, to >300 at full capacity. Leading to a oyster spat production of 100.000 to 200.000 per cycle.</p>

6. Declarations of disease-free status of compartments shall contain the following information	
(a) In the case of independent compartments as referred to in point (a) of Article 73(2) of Regulation (EU) 2020/689, documentation to substantiate that:	
(i) the water is supplied through a water treatment plant which inactivates the relevant pathogen or that the water is supplied directly from a well, a borehole or a spring;	<p>De water supplied is tap water. The water system is fully circular and closed to surrounding natural waters. New seawater is made with RO-filtered tap water and refined sea salt.</p> <p>In recirculation the water is filtered by protein skimmer, band-filter and biological bacteria filter. For exchange of seawater between systems and algal cultivation the seawater is additionally filtered by a 20 and 0,5 micron candle filters and UV-light for disinfection.</p>
(ii) where such water originates from a source outside the establishment, it is channelled directly to it by means which afford appropriate protection from infection;	
(iii) there are natural or artificial barriers that prevent aquatic animals from entering each establishment in the compartment from surrounding natural waters;	<p>The aquaculture facility consists of a closed building with several separate zones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quarantine zone, - Conditioning zone and, - Production zone <p>The entry of aquatic animals from surrounding natural waters is not possible.</p> <p>No flooding or infiltration has been observed since the aquaculture facility was established.</p>
(iv) where appropriate, the establishments in the compartment are protected against flooding and infiltration of water from surrounding natural waters.	
7. Statement confirming that the relevant general criteria in accordance with point (a) of Article 73(1) of Regulation (EU) 2020/689 for aquatic compartments, are complied with	<p>(i) The territorial scope complies with point (c) of Article 47(2) of Regulation (EU) 2020/689;</p> <p>(ii) The surveillance for the disease complies with the requirements laid down in Articles 3(2), 4 and 6 to 9) of Regulation (EU) 2020/689;</p> <p>(iii) The operator comply with obligations as regards biosecurity measures as laid down in Article 10 of Regulation (EU) 2016/429;</p> <p>(iv) The operator comply with the disease control measures relevant to the disease in the event of a suspicion or confirmation;</p> <p>(v) the establishment of which the compartment is comprised is Approved. Approval number: 227561;</p>

	<p>(vi) traceability of the animals from the targeted animal population is ensured;</p> <p>(vii) the animals from the targeted animal population or products thereof complied with the animal health requirements for movement within the Union or for entry into the Union of those animals and products thereof.</p>
<p>8. Recognition of disease-free status based on Article 80, paragraph 2 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/689</p>	<p>The aquaculture establishment complies with the provisions of Article 80, paragraph 2:</p> <p>The independent compartment comprise an individual establishment which is considered a single epidemiological unit, as it is not influenced by the animal health status of the surrounding natural waters;</p> <p>The establishment complies with paragraphs 3 to 5 of Article 79. See point 6 of this declaration.</p> <p>The aquaculture establishment has been restarted with a new broodstock delivered in December 2024 after cleaning and disinfection of all breeding rooms, and all the equipment. This broodstock comes from a disease-free declared Member State for Infection with <i>Bonamia ostrea</i>, Infection with <i>Bonamia exitiosa</i> and Infection with <i>Martelia refringens</i>. The oysters were delivered with the accompanying health certificate. INTRA.EU.NO.2024.0002405</p> <p>The health history of the establishment is known to the competent authority and there has been no suspicion and no confirmation of any disease in the establishment.</p> <p>All breeding rooms, and all the equipment have been cleaned and disinfected by a company specializing in industrial hygiene and disinfection.</p>

Annex 1: location of the compartment

