



# Surveillance, Eradication & Disease Freedom: Aquatic Animals

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# General Approach to Aquatics in Delegated Act

- First time that aquatic and terrestrial animals have been amalgamated in EU animal health legislation
- Not an easy task given differences between the two
- But yet, more similarities than might be expected
- Worked on commonality where possible
- Tried not to force the connection where it was not sensible or feasible

## **Broad objectives in relation to Aquatic Animals (Dir 2006/88/EC -> Delegated Acts under Regulation (EU) 2016/429)**

1. Keep the concepts and approaches from Directive 2006/88/EC (& Comm Decisions) which are working well
2. Identify those areas which have not achieved the desired objective and fix them
3. Take account of new developments which have occurred since the implementation of Dir 2006/88/EC
4. Take account of findings from missions carried out by Directorate F

## Specific Approach to DA on Surveillance/ Eradication/Disease Freedom

- Majority of articles are now common – adapted where necessary to take account of aquatics
- Formulation and wording different to current legislation but tried to ensure no conflict and no omissions
- Certain provisions may not have obvious relevance for aquatic animals currently but may be useful in the future – legal basis provided for future needs
- One separate chapter which deals with eradication programmes for Category C diseases of aquatic animals and
- One separate Annex which provides technical measures for aquatic animals

## **Contents of Aquatic Annex**

(reflective of Dir 2006/88/EC and Comm Decision 2015/1554)

1. Case definitions (suspect and confirmed)
2. Design of surveillance systems (including risk based surveillance)
3. Targeted animal population for each disease
4. Sampling, laboratory tests and diagnostic methods
5. Period of application of eradication programmes
6. Disease specific requirements for classification of establishments as infected, of unknown health status or disease free
7. Disease specific requirements for granting disease free status
8. Maintenance of disease free status

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## GENERAL POINTS IN RELATION TO AQUATIC ANIMALS IN DA ON PART II

- \* Concept of **compartments** applies to all listed diseases of aquatic animals
- \* The rules laid down in the DA apply to **establishments** where terrestrial animals are kept and where aquaculture animals are kept – previously had APBs, farms, mollusc farming areas....
- \* **Cat B** diseases currently not applicable
- \* '**Union Surveillance Programme**' currently not envisaged for aquatic animals
- \* **Concept of eradication programmes** has broadened

## Main Components of this DA

- \* Notification & subsequent investigation
- \* Disease surveillance
- \* Eradication programmes for Category C diseases
- \* Disease freedom

# Notification & Investigation

## Notification to veterinarian or CA:

- \* abnormal mortalities
- \* other signs of disease or
- \* significantly reduced production rates

## Rules for investigation following notification:

- \* objective is to rule out listed and emerging diseases

All broadly reflective of Directive 2006/88/EC



# Disease surveillance

**Minimum requirements** for all surveillance:

- \* early detection of Cat A
- \* detection of Cat C when a programme is operating or freedom has been granted
- \* timely confirmation of Cat E disease following notification of a suspect case
- \* detection of an emerging disease

All broadly reflective of Directive 2006/88/EC

# Eradication programmes

## Programme for Cat C diseases will set out

- \* which establishments must be included
- \* geographical scope: MS/zone/compartment
- \* movement controls to/ from
- \* fulfilment of disease control measures on suspicion/ confirmation
- \* removal of infected animals
- \* cleaning/ disinfection
- \* following
- \* rules on vaccination

## Derogations for certain movements on suspect/ confirmed sites concerning

- \* different epidemiological units in the same establishment
- \* animals for direct human consumption
- \* animals for further farming in MS/ zone/ compartment not participating in an eradication programme or declared disease free

Broadly reflective of Directive 2006/88/EC

# Disease Freedom

\* **Approval of disease free MSs and zones** – details set out on how to achieve disease freedom

Broadly reflective of Directive 2006/88/EC

\* **Approval of disease free compartments which are <75% of the territory of the MS and which is not shared with another MS or third country** - **new system** of provisional declaration set out - aim is to streamline and speed up the current system

\* **Grandfathering rule**



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