

Follow-up concerning the "*Final report of the EFTA's Surveillance Authority's mission to Norway from 20 to 29 May 2019 in order to evaluate animal health controls in relation to aquaculture*"

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# ESAs recommendations

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- The Norwegian Food Safety Authority will continue with the self-imposed voluntary suspension of the certification of **live aquaculture animals**, until the recommendations of the report from ESA are satisfactorily addressed.

# Self imposed voluntary suspension

All compartments and zones listed as Category I health status for ISA are at the moment subject to a voluntary self imposed suspension.

- During the suspension period all zones and compartments have been subject to a comprehensive scrutiny and evaluation based on the following criteria:
- The requirements set out in Decision (EU) 1554/2015 with regard to:
  - The number of health inspections (Annex 1, Part 3, Table 3b)
  - The number and quality of samples and laboratory examinations (Annex 1, Part 3, Table 3b and Annex 1, Part 3, Points II.1 and II.)
- The requirements laid down in Directive (EC) 2006/88 with regard to:
  - The quality of official controls (Article 7)
  - The need for additional measures to prevent introduction of ISA into the compartment (Annex V, Part II, Point 2.4)

# Self imposed voluntary suspension

## Zones declared free of *Bonamia ostrea* and *Marteilia refringens*

- The entire coastline of Norway has been declared free of *Bonamia ostrea* and *Marteilia refringens* in accordance with Directive 91/67 on historical grounds since September 2004.
- Over the last 10 years the disease free status has been suspended for two specific geographically defined containment areas.
  - The County of East Agder due to an unverified suspicion of *Bonamia ostrea* in 2009
  - A containment area of the municipality of Bømlo in the County of Hordaland due a verified detection of *Marteilia refringens* in 2017

# Following up of the ESA recommendations

## Disease free status regarding *Bonamia* and *Marteilia*

- An eventual suspension of the disease free status of the parts of the norwegian coastline declared free of *Bonamia ostrea* and *Marteilia refringens* is not specifically mentioned in the recommendations of the final ESA report.
- Due to the general findings of the report a voluntary suspension of those areas should have been done.
- Consequently, the Norwegian Food Safety Authority has imposed an intermediate suspension of the diseases free status for *Bonamia ostrea* and *Marteilia refringens* for the entire coastline of Norway, taking effect from 15 December 2019.
- The suspension will last until we have carried out a comprehensive evaluation and can give the necessary guarantees that the requirements set out in Directive (EC) 2006/88 and Decision (EU) 1554/2015 are fulfilled.

# Certified consignments of live molluscs from Norway to EU member states

July 2019 – December 2019

- 23 July 2019: 30 kg - *Pecten maximus* (King scallops) to Bridport, UK for relaying  
(Origin: Farmed stock)
- 25 July 2019: 30 kg – *Pecten Maximus* (King scallops) to Bridport, UK for relaying  
(Origin: Farmed stock)
- 18 Nov 2019: 5 kg – *Cerastoderma edule* (Common cockle) to Santiago De Compostela, Spain, for research purposes  
(Origin: Wild stock)

The three consignments consist of species which are listed as vector species to *Bonamia ostrea* and *Marteilia refringens*.