

DAERA Notes for Guidance for Export Health Certificate 8795 for placing on the market in Great Britain of aquaculture animals from Northern Ireland, for farming, ornamental use, relaying or depuration, put and take fisheries and other purposes in compliance with GBHC674 v1.1 August 2025

These notes must be read and understood by the certifying officer before signing the certificate. Notes are set out in sections that correspond to the sections in the certificate. By signing this certificate, certifiers are verifying that the consignment meets the requirements set out in the certificate and any relevant corresponding notes for guidance.

These notes do not need to be printed as part of a paper certificate that accompanies the consignment or in any electronic copy of the certificate.

References to European Union legislation within this certificate are references to direct EU legislation which has been assimilated in Great Britain (assimilated EU law as defined in the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018) and can be viewed on the UK legislation website (legislation.gov.uk).

References to GB requirements refer to the requirement(s) of Great Britain as set out in these accompanying notes for guidance.

Part I

- Box reference I.11: Include the unique site number for approved aquaculture facilities or registered sites. Select 'other' if wild aquatic animals.
- Box reference I.12: Include the unique site number for approved aquaculture facilities or registered sites. Select 'other' if intended for a site that is not approved or registered.
- Box reference I.17: Enter details of CITES permit, commercial documents and packing lists etc, as applicable.
- Box reference I.19: Use the appropriate HS codes of the following headings: 0301, 0306, 0307 or 0511. Codes must be a minimum of 8 digits.
- Box reference I.20 and I.28: As regards quantity, give the total number of individual animals. For consignments of juvenile and adult molluscs total weight in kg may be used.
- Box reference I.25: Use the options as follows:
- 'Farming' if intended for farming or on-growing,
 - 'Ornamental use' for ornamental aquatic animals intended for pet shops and similar businesses for further sale or for personal and public aquaria,
 - 'Relaying or depuration' if intended to be placed in a depuration facility or into an area for the purpose of removing contamination, but not for further growth,
 - 'Put and take fishery' if intended for put and take fisheries,
 - 'Restocking' if intended for restocking,
 - 'Scientific research' if intended for research,
 - 'Quarantine' if intended for an approved quarantine facility, or
 - 'Other' for any non listed purpose (please specify the purpose).
- Box reference I.28: For 'Stage' use the options as follows:
- Fish – egg, juvenile or adult
 - Molluscs – spat, juvenile or adult
 - Crustaceans – larvae, juvenile or adult

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Part II

Animal Health

II.1 Territory requirements (freedom from disease)

These attestations must be kept, as applicable, where the consignment contains listed species for Spring viraemia of carp (SVC), Bacterial kidney disease (BKD), *Gyrodactylus salaris* (GS) and/or Ostreid herpesvirus 1 μ var (OsHV-1 μ var) intended for Great Britain, or a zone or compartment therein, declared disease free or subject to a surveillance or eradication programme for the relevant diseases.

Listed species are detailed in table C of the document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Welsh Ministers, in accordance with regulation 3B of the Aquatic Animal Health (England and Wales) Regulations 2009, or in table 1 of the document published by the Scottish Ministers in accordance with regulation 3B of the Aquatic Animal Health (Scotland) Regulations 2009.

Details of the listed species are published at:

Listed species for England and Wales - www.gov.uk/government/publications/susceptible-and-vector-species

Listed species for Scotland - www.gov.scot/publications/health-status-of-fish-and-shellfish-diseases-in-scotland/

These attestations also apply to consignments of fish of any species in contact with species listed as susceptible to infection with GS, either through co-habitation or water supply, where those consignments are intended for Great Britain, or part thereof, listed as free of GS.

Data on the disease status of Great Britain and each farm and mollusc farming area are published at:

Disease status of England and Wales - www.gov.uk/guidance/report-serious-fish-or-shellfish-diseases

Register of farms in England and Wales - www.cefas.co.uk/eu-register/

Disease status of Scotland - www.gov.scot/publications/health-status-of-fish-and-shellfish-diseases-in-scotland/

Register of farms in Scotland - www.gov.scot/publications/registers-of-authorised-aquaculture-production-businesses-and-authorised-processing-establishments/

The option to place listed species into quarantine, either in the source country or upon arrival in GB, only applies to susceptible species from the wild and vector species from wild and farmed origin. This option does not apply to any aquatic animal in relation to GS.

Relevant GB requirements:

The country, territory, zone or compartment, as listed in Part I of this certificate, must be declared free by the competent authority in the country of origin in accordance with the relevant World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) standards or via a process equivalent to Decision 2009/177.

For the free country, territory, zone or compartment:

- the relevant diseases must be notifiable to the competent authority and reports of suspicion of infection of the relevant diseases must be immediately investigated by the competent authority;
- introductions of all species susceptible to the relevant diseases come from a source declared free of the diseases; and
- species susceptible to the relevant diseases are not vaccinated against the diseases.

For aquatic animals which have been subject to quarantine this must have been under conditions at least equivalent to those laid down in Decision 2008/946.

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Delete attestations not relevant to the species being exported.

For farmed salmon smolts / *Salmo Salar*, the certifying officer should check the GB susceptible species list for diseases relevant to the species (likely BKD and GS), then check whether the source status is equivalent or higher than the destination, if it is, make the appropriate attestations, deleting those not applicable. As the animals are farmed paragraphs II.1.2 & II.1.4 on wild aquatic animals and eyed fish eggs can be deleted.

II.2 Territory requirements (freedom from disease)

These attestation(s) must be kept, as applicable, where the consignment contains listed species for Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS), Infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN), Infectious salmon anaemia (genotype HPR-deleted) (ISA), Koi herpes virus (KHV), *Marteilia refringens*, *Bonamia ostreae*, and/or White spot disease intended for Great Britain, or a zone or compartment therein, declared disease free or subject to a surveillance or eradication programme for the relevant diseases.

Listed species are detailed in table A (vector) and table B (susceptible) of the document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish Ministers and Welsh Ministers, in accordance with Articles 3 and 3A of Regulation No 1251/2008.

Details of the listed species are published at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/susceptible-and-vector-species

Data on the disease status of Great Britain and each farm and mollusc farming area are published at:

Disease status of England and Wales - www.gov.uk/guidance/report-serious-fish-or-shellfish-diseases

Register of farms in England and Wales - www.cefas.co.uk/eu-register/

Disease status of Scotland - www.gov.scot/publications/health-status-of-fish-and-shellfish-diseases-in-scotland/

Register of farms in Scotland - www.gov.scot/publications/registers-of-authorised-aquaculture-production-businesses-and-authorised-processing-establishments/

Vector species listed in table A shall only be regarded as vectors if they fulfil the specified conditions. Consignments of aquatic animals listed as vector species in table A may be placed on the market regardless of the requirements in this attestation if the conditions to be regarded as a vector are not fulfilled.

The option to place listed species into quarantine, either in the source country or upon arrival in GB, only applies to susceptible species from the wild and vector species from wild and farmed origin.

Relevant GB requirements:

The country, territory, zone or compartment, as listed in Part I of this certificate, must be declared free by the competent authority in the country of origin in accordance with the relevant World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) standards or via a process equivalent to Decision 2009/177.

For the free country, territory, zone or compartment:

- the relevant diseases must be notifiable to the competent authority and reports of suspicion of infection of the relevant diseases must be immediately investigated by the competent authority;
- introductions of all species susceptible to the relevant diseases come from a source declared free of the diseases; and
- species susceptible to the relevant diseases are not vaccinated against the relevant diseases.

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For aquatic animals which have been subject to quarantine this must have been in accordance with Decision 2008/946.

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For finfish, the certifying officer should check the GB susceptible species list for diseases relevant to the species, then check whether the source status is equivalent or higher than the destination, if it is, make the appropriate attestations, deleting those not applicable. When certifying farmed fish, paragraph II.2.2 on wild aquatic animals can be deleted.

II.3 Territory requirements

This attestation applies to consignments of aquaculture animals which, according to Article 8 of Regulation No 1251/2008, must be accompanied by a certificate and, which in compliance with the placing on the market requirements, are allowed by the competent authority to leave an area subject to control provisions or a country, territory, zone or compartment with an eradication programme.

This section can be deleted in entirety if the aquaculture establishment of origin is not subject to disease control measures.

II.4 Animal requirements

If additional mollusc species are detected, these must be listed in box I.28.

If no molluscs are being exported this statement can be deleted.

II.5 Animal transport

Relevant GB requirements:

The aquaculture animals or products referred to in box I.28:

- (a) ***are placed under conditions, including water quality, that do not alter their health status***; for example, -animals from a higher status compartment have not been placed in water of lower health status from elsewhere and which could pose a risk of transmission of disease.
- (b) ***as appropriate, comply with the general conditions for the transport of animals laid down in Article 3 of Regulation No 1/2005***;

Reg 1/2005 refers to the welfare of animals during transport. Only some paragraphs of Article 3 are appropriate for fish transport. These are listed below.

No person shall transport animals or cause animals to be transported in a way likely to cause injury or undue suffering to them.

- (a) *all necessary arrangements have been made in advance to minimise the length of the journey and meet animals' needs during the journey*;
- (b) *the animals are fit for the journey*;
- (c) *the means of transport are designed, constructed, maintained and operated so as to avoid injury and suffering and ensure the safety of the animals*;
- (d) *the loading and unloading facilities are adequately designed, constructed, maintained and operated so as to avoid injury and suffering and ensure the safety of the animals*;
- (e) *the personnel handling animals are trained or competent as appropriate for this purpose and carry out their tasks without using violence or any method likely to cause unnecessary fear, injury or suffering*;
- (f) *the transport is carried out without delay to the place of destination, and the welfare conditions of the animals are regularly checked and appropriately maintained*;

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When the certifying officer does a familiarisation visit to the business exporting live aquatic animals, they should satisfy themselves that farm procedures allow these conditions to be met.

and

- c) ***prior to loading the transport container or well boat is clean and disinfected, or previously unused.*** This is self-explanatory, and a statement covering this is included in the exporter's declaration.

II.6 Animal transport (labelling)

A copy of the label should be provided to the certifying officer. Select the appropriate option.

II.7 Animal requirements

Relevant GB requirements:

The aquaculture animals must comply with the requirements for placing on the market laid down in Regulation 1251/2008.

(a) *comply with GB requirements for placing on the market laid down in Regulation 1251/2008;*

These are that the consignment must be accompanied by an animal health certificate and the species being moved is/ are a listed species

(b) *are not subject to any prohibitions due to unresolved increased mortality;* The exporter declaration includes a statement to this effect and the certifying officer must check mortality records for certification of live aquatic animal movements.

(c) *are not intended for destruction or slaughter for the eradication of diseases: this is covered by* certifying officer checks

II.8 Animal requirements

Regarding inspection, the 24-hour option only applies when completing section II.8 for consignments originating from an area subject to disease control measures. In all other cases the 72-hour option applies.

In the case of wild aquatic animals, the third option only applies to consignments of aquaculture animals caught in the wild and immediately transported to a farm or mollusc farming area without any temporary storage.

Delete the options that don't apply.

II.9 Validity

No further notes for guidance.