

ANNEX V

Explanatory notes

- (a) The certificates shall be produced by the competent authorities of the country of origin, based on the appropriate model appearing in Annexes II or IV to this Regulation taking into account the place of destination and use of the consignment after the arrival at the destination.
 - (b) Considering the status of the place of destination as regards non-exotic diseases referred to in Part II of Annex IV to Directive 2006/88/EC in the EU Member State or diseases for which the place of destination has additional guarantees according to Decision 2004/453/EC or measures approved in accordance with Article 43 of Directive 2006/88/EC, the appropriate specific requirements shall be incorporated and completed in the certificate.
 - (c) The 'Place of origin' shall be the localisation of the farm or mollusc farming area where the aquaculture animals were reared reaching their commercial size relevant for the consignment covered by this certificate. For wild aquatic animals 'place of origin' shall be the place of harvest.
 - (d) The original of the certificate shall consist of a single page printed on both sides or, where more text is required, such that all the pages form a whole and cannot be separated.
 - (e) For import into the Community from third countries, the original of the certificate and the labels referred to in the model certificate shall be drawn up in at least one official language of the EU Member State where border inspection takes place and of the EU Member State of destination. However, those Member States may allow another Community language instead of their own, accompanied, if necessary, by an official translation.
 - (f) Where additional pages are attached to the certificate for the purpose of identifying the items making up the consignment, such additional pages shall also be considered to form part of the original of the certificate, provided the signature and stamp of the certifying official inspector appear on each page.
 - (g) Where the certificate, including any additional pages as provided for in (f), comprises more than one page, each page shall be numbered '*x*(page number) of *y*(total number of pages)–' on the bottom and shall bear the code number of the certificate allocated by the competent authority on the top.
 - (h) The original of the certificate must be completed and signed by an official inspector not more than 72 hours prior to loading of the consignment, or not more than 24 hours in those cases where the aquaculture animals must be inspected within 24 hours of loading. The competent authorities of the country of origin shall ensure that principles of certification equivalent to those laid down in Directive 96/93/EC are followed.
 - (i) The colour of the signature shall be different from that of the printing. The same rule shall apply to stamps other than embossed stamps or watermarks.
 - (j) For import into the Community from third countries, the original of the certificate must accompany the consignment until it reaches the EU border inspection post. For consignments placed on the market within the Community, the original of the certificate must accompany the consignment until it reaches its final destination.
 - (k) A certificate issued for live aquaculture animals shall be valid for 10 days from the date of issue. In the case of transport by ship, the time of validity is prolonged by the time of journey at sea. To that end, the original of a declaration by the ship's master, drawn up in accordance with the addendum drawn up in conformity with the model laid down in Part D of Annex IV, shall be attached to the animal health certificate.
 - (l) Please note that the general conditions on the transport of animals laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and amending Directives 64/432/EEC and 93/119/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1255/97 may, where applicable, require measures to be taken after entry into the Community if the requirements of that Regulation are not fulfilled.
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