Control of certain fish diseases, especially the salmon

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PURPOSE : to introduce Community measures for the control of certain fish diseases COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Directive 2000/27/EC amending Directive 93/53/EEC introducing minimum Community measures for the control of certain fish diseases. CONTENT : this Directive provides that all fish shall be withdrawn in accordance with a scheme established by the official service and approved by the Commission. Furthermore, with regard to a vaccination policy which may provide a new tool for controlling and containing ISA after an outbreak, the Directive states that vaccination against list II diseases in approved zones, in approved farms situated in non-approved zones or in zones or farms which have already begun the approval procedures laid down by Directive 91/67/EEC and against list I diseases shall be forbidden. However, by way of derogation, vaccination may be authorised in the case of an outbreak of list I diseases provided the procedures for vaccination are specified in the approved contingency plans. In relation to criteria for vaccination programmes, these must contain at least the following information: - the nature of the disease calling for a request to be made to vaccinate; - information shall be supplied on the coastal and mainland areas, the sites and farms in which vaccination may be carried out: under no circumstances may vaccination be conducted beyond the limits of the infected area and, if necessary, the buffer zone established around the infected area; - detailed information on the vaccine to be used, including the type(s) of vaccine which may be used; - detailed information on the conditions for use, frequency of vaccination and the limits on use of the vaccine (which fish, which cages, etc); - the criteria for ceasing vaccination; - provisions shall be adopted to ensure that a log is kept of past vaccinations (dates, sites and farms in which vaccination has been conducted, the establishment of a buffer zone, etc.); - measures shall be taken for fish movements to be limited within the vaccination area so as to guarantee that fish can leave the vaccination area only if they are to be killed for human consumption, or if necessary to be destroyed; - any other necessary provisions required for vaccination. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions to comply with this Directive by 31.12.2000. They shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof. They shall apply those provisions not later than 01.01.2001. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 13.05.2000.