

Bivalve molluscs: minimum measures for the control of diseases

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Having delegated its decision-making power to its Committee on Fisheries (in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 52 of the EP's Rules of Procedure), the European Parliament approved this proposal for a directive with the following amendments: - the abnormal mortality rate among bivalve molluscs should be seen as a sudden process which affected approximately 15% of the stocks and which occurred over a short period of time between two inspections (about 15 days); - the register should be available for examination by the official body at its request and should be updated and kept for a period of four years; - in addition to the establishment of a list of farms where mollusc diseases were present, an additional record should be kept of areas where there was an abnormal mortality rate, as well as a list of the pathogenic agents catalogued in those areas, particularly among those host species not included in list II of Annex A to Directive 91/67/EEC.