



Organic Food Federation

Explanatory Note 332

These notes are intended to help applicants comply with OFF Organic Aquaculture Standards (Salmonids and Gadoids). They are not exhaustive and are for explanation only. In cases of doubt the Regulation or the OFF should be consulted.

Key Requirements for a Health & Bio-security Plan for Organic Aquaculture operations

OFF Organic Aquaculture Standards require operators to have a documented Health plan for which all phases of fish production with which they are involved. This includes provisions for fish welfare, health control and bio-security.

The health plan must define the responsible personnel and veterinary practitioners associated with the organic operations.

a) Details of personnel involved:

- The name and registration number of the undertaking
- The ordnance survey location of the undertaking
- Proposed species to be farmed and consent details (if applicable)
- The estimated production quantities

b) Policy Statements to include:

- Commitment to Organic Aquaculture Principles and service quality levels.
- Environmental policy
- Stock welfare policy
- Training Policy

c) Management Plans and Procedures to include:

- Health and Bio-security Plan (see E-Note 39)
- Purchases of Young-stock and Feed
- Cage and mooring specifications and Maintenance
- Feed (systems and waste prevention)
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Assessment of Threats and control measures (e.g. Predators, Parasites, Pollutants)
- Humane Live Grading Transportation (fingerlings and adults)
- Humane harvesting and slaughter
- Training records and plans
- Usage and traceability of Stock, Feed and Veterinary inputs
- Internal auditing and management review.

d) With Hatchery Operations a number of additional aspects must be covered:

- Sourcing Brood-stock
- Production of/Sourcing of Brood and Juvenile feeds
- Breeding and Health Plan (see E-Note 39)
- Site bio-security (Materials and methods)
- Water source and quality
- Grading
- Transport to Sea Cages
- Control of effluent
- Records

Each of the above plans and procedures must be documented and supported by records kept of monitoring and quantities of inputs used and stock bought- in and/or produced.]

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