



## Update on the proposed new aquatic animal health legislation

ANNUAL MEETING – EURL FISH DISEASES

COPENHAGEN,

31 May, 2016

Knut Roenningen  
Unit G2 – Animal health, DG SANTE,  
European Commission, Brussels

This presentation does not necessarily represent the views of the European Commission



## The New Animal Health Law

*Impact on the aquatic animal health legislation*



## Introduction

- The approach
- What's new?
- Supplementary rules
- Status today
- Further process and time frame



## The approach

- Regulation instead of directive
- Keep principles of Directive 2006/88/EC
- Align to the Lisbon Treaty
- Harmonise with terrestrial animals where appropriate
- Simplify and clarify where appropriate
  - fewer definitions
  - simplified rules – details in delegated/implementing acts
  - added flexibility (in particular as regards movements and disease control)
  - Reduce administrative burden (registration, approval)



## Some new elements

- **General responsibility for animal health**
  - Operators
  - Veterinarians/aquatic animal health professionals
  - Mandatory health visits
- **Enhanced tools for controlling diseases in wild aquatic animals**
  - Transport requirements
  - Record keeping
  - Movement requirements including health certification
- **Disease listing and categorisation**
  - New criteria for the listing of diseases
  - Five categories of diseases (a, b, c, d and e)



## Listing of diseases

**Category a):** Diseases not normally occurring in the Union

**Category b):** Diseases which must be controlled in all MS

**Category c):** Diseases subject to voluntary control in the MS

**Category d):** Diseases for which movement restriction measures may apply.

**Category e):** Diseases which shall be subject to surveillance





## Animal Health Law - Status

- **Adoption by EP and Council:** 9 March 2016
- **Publication:** 31 March 2016
- **Transposition period:** 5 years
  - Supplementary rules to be drafted and adopted: 36 months
    - Delegated acts
    - Implementing acts
  - Member States preparing period: 24 Months
- **AHL will apply from :** 1 April 2021



## Empowerments

	Delegated acts		Implementing acts	
	Mandatory	Optional	Mandatory	Optional
Disease listing - categorisation	1		5	1
Registration – approval etc.	2	2		3
Movements within the Union	3	10	2	5
Disease control – Disease free status	12	11	11	5
Import - export	2	5	2	6



## Diseases to be considered for listing/delisting in the first process

All diseases must be assessed in accordance with the new criteria. In addition specific assessment for listing/delisting of the following:

### Fish diseases:

- Koi herpes virus disease (KHVD)
- Viral nervous necrosis (VNN)
- Salmonid alphavirus (SAV)

### Mollusc diseases:

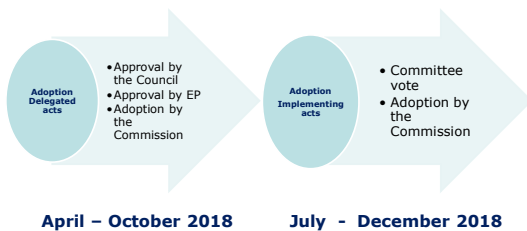
- Infections with *Vibrio aestuvarianus*
- Infections with *Marteilia cochillia* ?



## Structure and time frame



## Structure and time frame



## Important questions for the DA/IA process

- Structure of the DA and IA
- Priority of the optional acts
- What are the weaknesses of the current legislation – issues for improvement?
- Where are the "loop-wholes" to be filled?
- What is the best way to run the drafting and adoption process?





## In conclusion:

- New AHL will apply from 2021
- Maintains the principles from Directive 2006/88/EC
- Regulation directly binding for operators and MS
- More tools will be available for the purpose of introducing prevention and control measures
- 3 years period for the adoption of supplementary rules (Delegated and Implementing acts)
- Involvement from MS in this process will be very important!



**Thank you for your attention**

