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**Decision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
on Aquaculture Register
(212/1996)**

Section 1

Scope of application

- (1) An aquaculture register referred to in section 4 of the Act on Implementing the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Union shall be kept on the farms practising aquaculture as laid down in this decision.

Section 2

Definition

- (1) An aquaculture farm shall refer to a farm where fish or crayfish is kept or raised in a cage aquaculture, in an artificial pond, in an intensive fishfarming pond or other pond, in an extensive fishfarming pond, in an angling or crayfish pond or in other corresponding hatchery, or where spawn hatching is practised.
- (2) A farm referred to in subsection 1 where only tropical fish or crayfish is kept or raised or their spawn is hatched shall not be considered to be an aquaculture farm referred to in this decision.

Section 3

Aquaculture register

- (1) Concerning an aquaculture farm and each of its separate places of business, the data entered into the aquaculture register shall be the following:
1. the name, registered office, address and phone number as well as other contact information;
 2. the name, address and phone number of the owner of the aquaculture farm;
 3. the location of the places of business of the aquaculture farm or the water body or location in the water body area, if necessary expressed with coordinates as well as the addresses and phone numbers of the places of business and other contact information.
 4. the names, addresses and phone numbers of the persons in charge; as well as
 5. the cultured fish and crayfish species as well as other aquaculture products specified by species and by places of business.
- (2) The data entered into the aquaculture register in addition to what is referred to in subsection 1 shall be useful in order to stop the spread of fish and crayfish diseases, to manage the fishing grounds, to fulfil international obligations, to develop the aquaculture sector and to compile statistics.

Section 4
Registrar

- (1) The rural business districts referred to in section 4 of the decision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on rural business districts shall keep the registers referred to in this decision in accordance with the integrated system. The registers shall always be updated.

Section 5
Duty to notify

- (1) The aquaculture operator shall be obligated to notify by places of business the data referred to in section 3(1) to the sphere of responsibilities of fishing industry of that rural business district in whose area the aquaculture operations take place. The declaration shall be made within ten days from starting aquaculture, from the change in previously given information or from the cessation of aquaculture operations.

Section 6
List

- (1) For the purposes of aquaculture operations the aquaculture operator shall keep by places of business an updated list of the amounts by species of living fish, crayfish and roes he/she has received and delivered as well as of the total amounts of the mentioned aquaculture products in the farm and of the mortality rate observed during aquaculture. The list shall be retained for four years.
- (2) Concerning each received and delivered block the following information shall be marked on the list:
1. from who and from where the block has been procured as well as to whom and where the block has been delivered;
 2. the size of the block which concerning roes is defined in litres and concerning other living aquaculture products by number or by weight;
 3. the time, when the block has been obtained or delivered;
 4. the method of transport of the block; as well as
 5. the mortality rate observed during aquaculture.
- (3) The aquaculture operator shall not be obligated to keep a list of the delivered blocks, if he/she sells only roe or living crayfish for direct human consumption.

Section 7
Monitoring

- (1) The persons ordered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the rural business district as well as the veterinary surgeon referred to in section 5 of the Animal Disease Act have the right to inspect the list conforming to section 6 kept by the aquaculture operator as well as to perform other necessary inspections to ensure that this decision shall be complied with.

Section 8

Use of aquaculture register

- (1) The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry as well as the veterinary surgeons performing inspections in accordance with the Animal Disease Act shall have the right to use the aquaculture register in the inspection and in their other duties. The Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute shall have the right to use the aquaculture register for research and statistical purposes.

Section 9

Publicity of the register

- (1) The provisions of the Publicity of Official Documents Act (83/51) and Council Regulation(EEC) No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy shall be applied to the register referred to in this decision.

Section 10

Åland Islands

- (1) The performing of the duties referred to in this decision in the Province of Åland is laid down in section 30(8) of the Self-Government Act of Åland (1144/91).

Section 11

Entry into force and transitional provision

- (1) This decision enters into force on 1 April 1996.
- (2) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Act may be undertaken before its entry into force.
- (3) Before this decision enters into force the aquaculture operator who has undertaken aquaculture shall make the declaration referred in section 5 and start to keep the list referred to in section 6 within two months after this decision has entered into force.