



# Proposed amendments to Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/687

Terrestrial animals

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# Restrictions in the suspected/confirmed outbreak

## New proposed wording

### Change in **Art. 7(2)(c)**:

‘ (c) **in case of movements of kept animals of listed species**, the establishment of destination is not a slaughterhouse. ‘

### Rationale

**to enable** movements to slaughterhouse of animals of not listed species

# Cleaning and disinfection in the outbreak

## New proposed wording

Change in the **title of Art. 15** and **16** to refer to “ ***preliminary cleaning and disinfection.....*** “!

and

Change in **Art. 15**, points (1) and (3) to:

- **add objective** “ *elimination as soon as possible of the Category A disease pathogen* “
- **add reference to final cleaning and disinfection**

## Rationale

Art. 12(1)(d)(ii) refers to “*cleaning and disinfection* measures completed in accordance with Art. 15”

# Further restricted zones

## New proposed wording

Changes in **Art. 21 point (1)(c)** and **point (2)**:

**to add more flexibility** on:

- possibilities to establish further restricted zones, and
- changing boundaries of the restricted zones

## Rationale

Experience with implementation of the current wording, where measures for further restricted zones must be implemented independently of those in PZ and SZ, after their expiry

# Derogations from measures in RZ

## New proposed wording

Changes in **Art. 23** to:

- **add clarity** on the result of risk assessment before granting derogation
- **delete point (c)**, as establishments keeping up to 50 captive birds are already covered by point (b)
- **remove possibility to grant derogations from measures** to establishments keeping up to 50 captive birds located in RZ

# Explanatory\* for derogations possible based on Art. 21 and 23 for *up to 50 captive birds*

## 1) Outbreak in establishment with *up to 50 captive birds*:

a) **Art. 21(3)(g)** – possibility **NOT TO ESTABLISH RESTRICTED ZONE (RZ)**

or

b) **RZ IS ESTABLISHED** but

**Art. 23 (b)** – possibility to **derogate from measures** to be applied **in all establishments** located in the RZ, as establishments with *up to 50 captive birds* are among those referred to in Art. 21(3)  
**=> Art. 23 (c) is already covered with Art. 23 (b).**

## 2) Outbreak in any kind of establishment and RZ is established:

**Art. 23 (d)** – possibility to **derogate from measures only in certain establishments** and locations referred to in Art. 21(3), e.g. confined establishments.

However, Art. 21(3) include in letter (g) establishments with *up to 50 captive birds* (e.g. backyards, hobby keepers) **=> proposal to exclude letter (g) from this derogation possibility**

\* based on requests received during EG meeting

# Visits of official veterinarians

## New proposed wording

Changes in **Art. 26(2)(d)** to:

- **revert the approach** for sampling for laboratory testing

**from** “ if necessary, collection of samples of animals.... “

**to** “**collection of samples of animals** [sampling of animals ?] for laboratory examination in order to confirm or rule out the presence of the relevant category A disease, **unless considered unnecessary based on scientific evidence** (e.g. EFSA S.O. see *next slide*) that clinical examination is sufficient to rule out the presence of the disease“

## Rationale

To avoid automatic dismiss of sampling and consequently have difficulties to demonstrate compliance with WOH code for recovery of free status

## List of EFSA S.O.\* as result of assessment of the control measures for category A diseases of Animal Health Law

- FMD: [2021/6632](#)
- Rinderpest: [2022/7071](#)
- RVF: [2022/7070](#)
- LSD: [2021/7121](#)
- CBPP: [2022/7067](#)
- SPGP: [2021/6933](#)
- PPR: [2021/6708](#)
- CCPP: [2022/7068](#)
- CSF: [2021/6707](#)
- ASF: [2021/6402](#)
- Glanders: [2022/7069](#)
- AHS: [2021/6403](#)
- HPAI: [2021/6372](#)
- ND: [2021/6946](#)

\* based on requests received during EG meeting

# Products exempted from prohibitions

New proposed wording

Changes in **Art. 27(3) points (a) and (b)** to add clarity to the text.

**Only editorial** changes.

# Compartments

## Changes in **Articles 28(1)** and **43(1)**

- to **include possibility** for CA to derogate from prohibitions in PZ and SZ for movements from establishments part of compartments approved in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/**2623**
- to **add reference** to **Art. 53 and 54** in Article 43(1)

### Rationale

The draft Delegated Regulation on compartments (for poultry) has been published.

- Changes - to open the grounds for approved compartments to benefit from the special health status
- to ensure consistency with same provisions in PZ (i.e. Art. 28(1) refers to Art. 29 to 38)

# Young turkeys

~~changes in Articles 30 and 46~~

~~to enable movement of young turkeys from RZ~~

## Rationale

EFSA AI S.O. [4991/2017](#):

turkey establishments are at **higher risk for AI introductions** because of the constant need for introduction of clean bedding during the production cycle of turkeys, their high ventilation requirement and 'brood and move' routine.

EFSA S.O. Part 1 vaccination [8271/2023](#):

duck and turkey farms are **significantly more infectious** than chicken (layers and breeders) farms; turkey farms were also **more susceptible**

**Scope** of DR (EU) 2020/687: **prevention and control** of diseases

# Manure, including litter and used bedding

## Change to **Art. 35**

to add one less stringent treatment\* for manure from **PZ** when moved **to a landfill**

### Rationale

it is allowed in Annex IV for treatment of manure from affected establishment

\* steam treatment at a temperature of at least 70 °C for a minimum period of 60 minutes

# Lifting of measures in protection zone

## New proposal

Changes in **Art. 39(1) point (b)**:

to **align with new approach** for **sampling** during visits in the establishments in the protection zone, as proposed in Art. 26

“ .....clinical and ~~when necessary~~ laboratory examinations, **as necessary**, in accordance with Article 26.”

# Day-old chicks

## Change in **Article 46(1) point (b)**:

‘(b) ~~to establishments in the same Member State~~ **any establishment**, if they were hatched from eggs originating outside the restricted zone and if the hatchery of dispatch can ensure that no contact has occurred between those eggs and any other hatching eggs or day-old chicks obtained from animals kept within the restricted zone.’;

### Rationale

Such derogation was provided by Directive 2005/94/EC and it is **DEEMED TO BE SAFE**.

# Manure, including litter and used bedding

## Change of **title** for **Article 51**

‘Specific conditions for authorising movements of manure, including litter and used bedding, from establishments in the surveillance zone **to a landfill**’

### Rationale

Text of Article 51 refers to movements to a landfill.

Construction of Articles referring to ABPs in DR (EU) 2020/687:

- **Articles 35 and 51** – conditions for **movements** of manure, litter and used bedding from PZ and SZ **to a landfill**
- **Articles 37(2) and 53(2)** – conditions for **movement** of products (**including manure**) to a plant approved **for processing or disposal of ABPs**, to be disposed of or processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 1069/2009 (**including for composting and transformation into biogas -Art. 13 (e)(ii)** )

# Movement of feed of plant origin and straw from SZ

## New proposed wording

### Changes in **Art. 52 point (c)**:

‘ (c) are intended for use within the ~~surveillance~~ restricted [ protection or surveillance ?] zone; or ‘ ;

to **allow movement in the entire restricted zone**, not only in the surveillance zone

# Duration of the control measures (1)

## Changes of **Article 55 (1)**:

to introduce **new point (d)** adding the **condition to complete final cleaning and disinfection before lifting disease control measures**

### Rationale

- add clarity and **ensure consistence** with Article 68 of AHL
- Recital (20) of DR(EU) 2020/687: **Preliminary cleaning and disinfection** are the most effective measures **to reduce the disease agent load in the affected establishment** once the affected animals have been taken off.
- **ensure conformity** with WOA code on conditions to recover free status

# Duration of the control measures (2)

## Rationale

**WOAH: Recovery of free status of a zone**

- after the **disinfection of the last infected establishment,**

*or*

- after a **stamping-out** policy has been completed

# Duration of the control measures (3)

## Rationale

### WOAH terrestrial code (1)

#### Glossary:

##### ***DISINFECTION***

means the application, after thorough cleansing, of procedures intended **to destroy the infectious** or parasitic **agents of animal diseases**, including zoonoses; this applies to premises, vehicles and different objects which may have been directly or indirectly contaminated.

#### *Article 4.19.5.*

##### **General considerations for outbreak management**

- Upon confirmation of an outbreak ... effective risk management should be applied. .... These .....; measures should aim at:
- 1. **eliminating the source of the pathogenic agent**, by:
  - the killing or slaughter of animals infected or suspected of being infected, as appropriate, and safe disposal ....;
  - the cleaning, disinfection and, if relevant, disinsection ...;

# Duration of the control measures (4)

## Rationale

### WOAH terrestrial code (2)

#### STAMPING-OUT POLICY

- means a policy designed to eliminate an outbreak by carrying out under the authority of the Veterinary Authority the following:

the killing of the animals which are affected;

the disposal of carcasses and, where relevant, animal products;

the **cleansing and disinfection of establishments through procedures defined in Chapter 4.14.**

#### Chapter 4.14

disinfection techniques should comprise the following:

1. thorough soaking of bedding and litter as well as faecal matter with the disinfectant;
2. **washing and cleaning** by careful brushing and scrubbing of the ground, floors and walls;
3. then further washing with the disinfectant;
4. washing and disinfecting the outside of vehicles;

# Duration of the control measures (5)

## New proposed wording

### Changes of **Article 55 (1)**:

to introduce **new paragraphs 3 and 4** :

- to ensure that when FRZ are established **measures continue to apply in the entire restricted zone** until the lifting of FRZ
- to add **possibility to lift measures before final C&D is completed**, when this is done with **significant delays** (e.g. more than double the minimum period set out in Annex XI)

### Rationale

- avoid “donut” RZ
- give flexibility to CA to assess if measures can be lifted when pathogen of Category A disease is not yet eliminated from infected establishment

# Repopulation and lifting of measures (1)

Change of title for Chapter III of Part II:

**~~‘Repopulation with terrestrial animals of establishments in the restricted zones~~ the affected establishment and lifting of disease control measures in the affected establishment’;**

## Rationale

Articles of Chapter III lay down rules for the activities in the affected establishment.

# Repopulation and lifting of measures (2)

## Change in **introductory part of Article 59 (5):**

‘5. Official veterinarians shall carry out at least a visit to the affected establishment on the last day of the monitoring period set out in Annex II for the relevant disease, calculated forwards from the date on which the animals were placed in the establishment, and in any case before 30 days have elapsed since that day **when the monitoring period is longer than that**, performing at least:’

### Rationale

Add clarity for **when** the visit of official veterinarian refers to **30 days deadline**.

# Repopulation and lifting of measures (3)

## Change of Article 61(2):

‘2. The competent authority shall lift all the disease control measures applied in the affected establishment in accordance with this Regulation when:

- (a) the repopulation is considered finalised as provided for in paragraph 1, or
- (b) the requirements set out in Article 57 paragraphs 1 and 2 are fulfilled:
  - (i) in case of cessation of activities related to the keeping of animals by the operator or establishment concerned, **or**

### New proposed wording

- (ii) **in case a derogation in accordance with Article 13 has been granted in the affected establishment, and the animals of listed species have been subject with favourable result to the examinations laid down in points (b) and (c) of Article 59(5) carried out at the end of the monitoring period as mentioned in Article 57 paragraph 2’**

### Rationale

add conditions for **lifting** measures in the affected establishment **when the repopulation is not intended**  
add conditions for **lifting** measures **when derogation from killing has been granted in accordance with Art. 13**

# Repopulation and lifting of measures (4)

## Changes in **Art. 61**:

- **new paragraph (3)** is added:

‘3. When **repopulation with kept animals of listed species is requested within three months** period following lifting the disease control measures in the affected establishment in accordance with point 2(b), the competent authority shall supervise the repopulation complying with the provisions of Article 59.’

### Rationale:

to add conditions when repopulation is done after measures were lifted in the affected establishment when the repopulation was not intended (avoid abuse of derogation added in point 2)

# Sampling of animals and establishments

## Changes in **ANNEX I**:

**to add** ‘.... instructions of the competent authority **taking into account the available scientific evidence for the relevant category A disease**, and.....’

**to points 3 and 4 of part A.1** (sampling of animals for clinical examinations) and

**to point 1 of part A.3** (sampling of establishments for visits)

**to add** ‘.... instructions of the competent authority **taking into account the available scientific evidence for the relevant category A disease, *the relevant details and guidance made available on the websites of the European Union Reference Laboratories (EURL) and of the Commission,*** and.....’

**to points 3 and 4 of part A.2** (sampling of animals for laboratory examinations)

### Rationale

- introduce **indications to the recommendations in the Scientific Opinions of EFSA\*** with assessment of the control measures for each category A disease, regarding sampling where such activity is mentioned in Articles of Delegated Regulation
- for part A2, the *additional text* is to **ensure consistence** with provisions of Art. 6(1)(a) of Delegated Regulation 2020/689

# Monitoring period

## Changes in ANNEX II:

**Increase** in the monitoring period for:

- Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (**CBPP**) from 45 days to **90 days**
- Classical swine fever (**CSF**) from 15 days to **25 days**

## Rationale

Recommended by EFSA in the specific S.O. for each category A disease\* as the **current monitoring period was assessed as not effective.**

\* See slide 8

# CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

## Changes in ANNEX IV:

- **add references** to **Art. 55** in the Title and Part C
- **add clarity** in the description of treatment :
  - “(a) the solid phase of manure, including litter and used bedding, must either:
    - (i) undergo a steam treatment at a temperature of at least 70 °C **for a minimum period of 60 minutes** \*.”

### Rationale

Following references to final cleaning and disinfection added in Art. 55.

\*treatment provided for manure in Annex XI to IR 142/2011 + add clarity to the description of treatment, as recommended by EFSA

# MINIMUM RADIUS OF RESTRICTED ZONE

## Changes in ANNEX V :

Category A diseases	Protection Zone	Surveillance Zone
Foot and mouth disease	3 km	10 km
Infection with rinderpest virus	34 km	10 km
Infection with Rift Valley fever virus	20 km	50 km
Infection with lumpy skin disease virus	20 km	50 km
Infection with <i>Mycoplasma mycoides subsp. mycoides SC</i> (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia)	Establishment 1 km	3 km
Sheep pox and goat pox	35 km	1020 km
Infection with peste des petits ruminants virus	35 km	1020 km
Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia	Establishment 1 km	3 km
African horse sickness	100 km	150 km

## Rationale

Recommended by EFSA in the specific S.O. for each category A disease\* as the **current radiuses** were assessed as **not effective** to sufficiently contain the spread to outside the zone.

\* See slide 8

# PROHIBITIONS IN THE RESTRICTED ZONE

## Changes in ANNEX VI :

PROHIBITIONS OF ACTIVITIES CONCERNING ANIMALS AND PRODUCTS RELATED TO CATEGORY A DISEASES <sup>1</sup>	FMD	RP	RVFV	LSD	CBPP	SPGP	PPR	CCPP	CSF	ASF	AHS	GLANDERS	HPAI	NCD
Movements of fresh meat excluding offal from kept and wild animals of listed species from slaughterhouses or game handling establishments in the restricted zone	X	X	X	NP	NP	<del>X</del> NP	X	NP	X	X	NP	NA	X	X

Rationale: ensure consistency, as movement of meat products from fresh meat is not prohibited

Movements of animal by-products from kept animals of listed species from establishments in the restricted zone, except entire bodies or parts of dead animals	Manure, including litter and used bedding	X	X	X	X	NP	X	X	NP	X	X	NP	NA	X	X
	Hides, skins, wool, <u>bristles</u> and feathers	X	X	<del>X</del> NP	X	NP	X	X	NP	X	X	NP	NA	X	X
	Animal by-products other than manure, including litter and used bedding, and other than hides, skins, wool, <u>bristles</u> and feathers	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<del>X</del> NP	NA	X	X

Rationale:

for RVF - ensure conformity with WOA code (safe commodities)

for AHS - ensure consistency, as no other product is prohibited

# RISK-MITIGATING TREATMENTS for PAO

Change of **ANNEX VII**:

**New format**

**List** of treatments **for each disease** for prohibited products

Rationale:

- increase clarity, facilitate reading and understanding –
- take account of EFSA assessment and recommendations (doi: [10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7443](https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7443))

# RISK-MITIGATING TREATMENTS for PNAO

Change in **ANNEX VIII**:

Second treatment is replaced:

‘Storage in package or bales under shelter at premises situated not closer than 2 km to the nearest outbreak and releasing from the premises do not take place before at least ~~three~~ **four** months have elapsed following the completion of cleaning and disinfection according to Article 15’;

## Rationale

EFSA recommendation to apply **four month**, as stipulated by WOAHP for storage of feed materials of plant origin and straw in package or bales (doi: [10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7443](https://doi.org/10.2903/j.efsa.2022.7443))

# MARKING OF FRESH MEAT

## Changes in ANNEX IX :

the title to refer to **RESTRICTED ZONE**

Rationale: marking of fresh meat in accordance with Annex IX is requested as well in SZ (Art. 49(2)(a) )

- **special health mark for fresh meat** not intended to other Member State or third country due animal health reasons
  - from poultry originating in the protection zone
  - from animals kept in the restricted zone established based on AHL (safeguard acts)

Rationale: to ensure consistency of the same special health mark to be used for all species for the same type of movement

- **Changed set of initials in point 2. (b) (iii) : EC, EU, EL, UE, EE, AE, ES, EÚ** (consistency with Regulation 2004/853)
- **Transitional period** (until ~~1 January 2035~~ 31 December 2028) **for the square mark** to continue to be used for fresh meat of poultry from PZ + **clarification of description** for the format and content of that mark

# DURATION OF MEASURES IN PZ

## Changes in ANNEX X:

Category A diseases	Minimum period of duration of measures in the protection zone (Art 39.1)	Additional period of duration of surveillance measures in the protection zone (Art. 39.3)
Foot and mouth disease	15 days	15 days
Infection with rinderpest virus	21 days	9 days
Infection with Rift Valley fever virus	30 days	15 days
Infection with lumpy skin disease virus	28 days	17 days
Infection with <i>Mycoplasma mycoides subsp. mycoides SC</i> (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia)	45-90 days	Not applicable
Sheep pox and goat pox	21 days	9 days
Infection with peste des petits ruminants virus	21 days	9-12 days
Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia	45 days	Not applicable
African horse sickness	12 months	Not applicable
Infection with <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> (Glanders)	6 months	Not applicable
Classical swine fever	15-25 days	15 days
African swine fever	15 days	15 days
Highly pathogenic avian influenza	21 days	9 days
Infection with Newcastle disease virus	21 days	9 days

### Rationale

Recommended by EFSA in the specific S.O. for each category A disease\* as the **current durations** were assessed as **not effective** to detect infected establishments and to prevent movement of disease from restricted zone.

\* See slide 8

# DURATION OF MEASURES IN SZ

## Changes in ANNEX XI:

Category A diseases	Minimum period of duration of measures in the surveillance zone
Foot and mouth disease	30 days
Infection with rinderpest virus	30 days
Infection with Rift Valley fever virus	45 days
Infection with lumpy skin disease virus	45 days
Infection with <i>Mycoplasma mycoides</i> subsp. <i>mycoides</i> SC (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia)	<del>45</del> 90 days
Sheep pox and goat pox	30 days
Infection with peste des petits ruminants virus	<del>30</del> 33 days
Contagious caprine pleuropneumonia	45 days
African horse sickness	12 months
Infection with <i>Burkholderia mallei</i> (Glanders)	Not applicable
Classical swine fever	<del>30</del> 40 days
African swine fever	30 days
Highly pathogenic avian influenza	30 days
Infection with Newcastle disease virus	30 days

### Rationale

Recommended by EFSA in the specific S.O. for each category A disease\* as the **current durations** were assessed as **not effective** to detect infected establishments and to prevent movement of disease from restricted zone.

\* See slide 8

# Aquatic elements

# in Article 75

**Point (b) is replaced** by the following:

‘(b) the movement of **aquatic** animals in the vicinity of the suspected establishment;’

## RATIONALE

To specify that one of the elements to be considered when a temporary restricted zone is established around an establishment which is suspected to be infected, is the movement of ‘aquatic animals’

# in Article 78

**Point (1)(f) is replaced** by the following:

‘(f) all potentially contaminated materials or substances shall be isolated until:

- (i) cleaning and disinfection measures have been completed in accordance with the provisions in Article 80, in the case of materials and substances which are fit for cleaning and disinfection; and
- (ii) they are removed from the establishment and disposed of under the supervision of official veterinarians, in the case of feeding stuff and other materials unfit for cleaning and disinfection.’;

**Paragraph (5) is deleted;**

## RATIONALE

It is proposed to delete:

- the word ‘products’ from the introductory sentence of point (f) of Article 78(1) and
- points (f)(i) and (ii) of the same Article

because points (f)(i) and (ii) contain provisions concerning animal by-products and products of animal origin which are already covered in paragraphs 1(b) and 3 of that Article. As a consequence, paragraph 5 of that Article should also be deleted.

# Article 83

Article 83 is replaced by the following:

‘1. When granting a derogation pursuant to Article 78(3), the competent authority may allow the placing on the market of products of animal origin from aquatic animals only if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) fish must be slaughtered and eviscerated before dispatch;
- (b) molluscs and crustaceans must be fully traceable and processed to non-viable products unable to survive if returned to the water, before dispatch.

When purification is required before processing and placing on the market, it shall be conducted at a disease control aquatic food establishment.

2. The products of animal origin referred to in paragraph 1 shall be intended for:

- (a) direct supply to the final consumer; or
- (b) for further processing in a disease control aquatic food establishment.’;

## RATIONALE

- A cross reference to Article 78(3) is introduced, to take account of the amendments described in previous slide
- To ensure consistency throughout the Regulation, reference to ‘bio-secure purification centre’ should be deleted. Molluscs from establishments which are infected with a Cat A disease should only be purified in a disease control aquatic food establishment

# Article 90

**In Article 90(2), point (a) is replaced by the following:**

‘(a) all movements must be carried out exclusively via designated routes, agreed with the competent authority, without unloading;’;

## RATIONALE

Article 90(2), point (a) of CDR (EU) 2020/687 stipulates that when movements are authorised within the protection zone, they must be carried out exclusively via designated routes, without unloading or stopping. Logistically, it may however, be necessary to stop, for instance to exchange or discharge water. It is therefore, proposed that the **reference to stopping should be deleted** from that Article.

# Article 99(1)

**in Article 99, paragraph (1) is replaced by the following:**

‘1. The competent authority shall prohibit any movements of aquaculture animals from establishments within the surveillance zone for slaughter, **further keeping** or release into the wild outside the surveillance zone.’;

## RATIONALE:

To be consistent with the terminology used in Regulation (EU) 2016/429, ‘further farming’ should be changed to ‘further keeping’

# Article 99(4)

**in Article 99, paragraph (4) is replaced by the following:**

‘4. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, and in agreement with the competent authority at the place of destination, the competent authority may authorise movements of aquaculture animals, **other than for release into the wild,** provided that appropriate biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of the category A disease, are applied.’

## RATIONALE:

Article 99, paragraph (4) allows the CA, in agreement with the CA at the place of destination, to authorise movements of aquaculture animals, provided that appropriate biosecurity measures are applied to prevent the spreading of the category A disease. While this derogation is appropriate for many types of movement, it is not appropriate for animals which are to be released into the wild, where such release may result in the infection of natural waters, from which eradication may be very difficult. The derogation set out in Article 99, paragraph (4) should therefore, be limited to movements, other than for the purpose of release into the wild.

# Annex XII

in Annex XII, point (1)(a) and (b) are replaced by the following:

- (a) the clinical examination and the sampling for laboratory examinations must include, **as relevant**:
- (i) aquaculture animals of listed species showing clinical signs of the relevant category A disease;
  - (ii) aquaculture animals likely to have recently died from the suspected or confirmed category A disease; **or**
  - (iii) aquaculture animals suspected of being infected due to an epidemiological link to a suspected or confirmed case of a category A disease, or based on other circumstances;
- (b) the minimum number of samples to be collected is:

	Scenario		
Type of animals	Report of increased mortality	Post-mortem clinical signs observed	or signs
			<b>Suspicion based on epidemiological link or other circumstances</b>
Molluscs (the whole animal)	30	—	150
Crustaceans	<b>30</b>	10	150
Fish	<b>30</b>	10	<b>150</b>

## RATIONALE

- Para 1(a) of Annex XII is amended to clarify that the relevant scenarios which necessitate clinical examination and sampling may arise independently of each other (rather than being linked)
- Para 1(b) of Annex XII has some errors and omissions. Therefore:
  - sample sizes have been adjusted based on information from the EURL
  - the column entitled ‘Introduction of infected animals’ has been deleted as the remaining 3 columns adequately cover possible scenarios

# Annex XV

**Table 2 is amended by:**

- differentiating the table into points 1. (*Specific scheme for surveillance comprising health visits and sampling in establishments for epizootic haematopoietic necrosis (EHN) in aquatic animals*), and 2. (*Duration of the control measures in the surveillance zone*). Currently the number ‘1’ has been omitted, while ‘2’ is present.
- changing ‘health inspections’ to ‘health visits’
- deleting redundant text i.e. deleting ‘(2 years)’ from the heading of the second and third columns of the table entitled (*Specific scheme for surveillance comprising health visits and sampling in establishments for epizootic haematopoietic necrosis (EHN) in aquatic animals*), as this information is already set out in the table entitled ‘2. *Duration of the control measures in the surveillance zone.*’

## RATIONALE:

Improve the readability of Table 2

Avoid confusion between terminology used in the AHL (‘visits’) versus terminology used in the OCR (‘inspections’)

# Corrections

- A number of errors have been detected which should be corrected
- Proposed corrections are set out in points 1-7 of Article 2

- **Written comments are welcome**
- To be sent to [SANTE-ANIMAL-HEALTH-LAW@ec.europa.eu](mailto:SANTE-ANIMAL-HEALTH-LAW@ec.europa.eu)  
by **22 November 2024**

with Subject: Comments to draft amendment of DR 2020/687

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