

EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY DECISION

No 302/08/COL

of 21 May 2008

concerning the status of Norway with regard to infectious haematopoietic necrosis and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia and repealing the EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No 71/94/COL of 27 June 1994 as last amended by the EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No 244/02/COL of 11 December 2002

THE EFTA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY,

and as approved coastal zone for fish with regard to IHN and VHS,

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, in particular Article 109 and Protocol 1 thereof,

WHEREAS on 26 November 2007 an outbreak of VHS was confirmed in Møre og Romsdal County in Norway,

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement between the EFTA States on the Establishment of a Surveillance Authority and a Court of Justice, in particular Article 5(2)(d) and Protocol 1 thereof,

WHEREAS the competent authority in Norway has informed the Authority of the measures taken to eliminate the disease and to prevent its spread,

HAVING REGARD to the Act referred to at point 4.1.5 of Chapter I of Annex I to the EEA Agreement Council Directive 91/67/EEC of 28 January 1991 concerning the animal health conditions governing the placing on the market of aquaculture animals and products, as adapted by way of Protocol 1 to the EEA Agreement, in particular Article 5 of that Act,

WHEREAS, the Authority has assessed the information submitted to it by the competent authority in Norway,

WHEREAS it appears, at this stage, that the measures taken are appropriate,

WHEREAS Norway, by letter dated 3 May 1994, submitted the appropriate justifications for granting, as far as infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) are concerned, the status of approved zone its territory, as well as the national rules ensuring compliance with the conditions to be respected for maintenance of the approved status,

WHEREAS the Authority has discussed the matter with the European Commission,

WHEREAS no changes have occurred in Norway with regards to IHN,

WHEREAS Norway, by Decision of the Authority No 71/94/COL of 27 June 1994, was recognised as approved continental and coastal zone for fish with regard to IHN and VHS,

WHEREAS it is the opinion of the Authority that Norway, with the exemption of the areas referred to in the Annex, should still be recognised as approved continental zone and approved coastal zone for fish with regard to IHN and VHS,

WHEREAS the Authority, by Decisions No 220/96/COL of 4 December 1996, No 159/98/COL of 25 June 1998 and No 244/02/COL of 11 December 2002, amended Decision No 71/94/COL of 27 June 1994,

WHEREAS the measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the EFTA Veterinary Committee assisting the EFTA Surveillance Authority,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

WHEREAS, by Decision No 71/94/COL as last amended by Decision No 244/02/COL of 11 December 2002, it was established that the parts of Norway referred to in the Annex to that Decision were recognised as approved continental zone

1. Norway, with the exemption of the areas referred to in the Annex, is recognised as approved continental zone and as approved coastal zone for fish with regard to IHN and VHS.

2. The EFTA Surveillance Authority Decision No 71/94/COL of 27 June 1994 concerning the status of Norway with regard to infectious haematopoietic necrosis and viral haemorrhagic septicaemia, as last amended by Decision No 244/02/COL of 11 December 2002, is hereby repealed.

3. This Decision shall enter into force on 21 May 2008.

4. This Decision is addressed to Norway.

5. This Decision shall be authentic in the English language.

Done at Brussels, 21 May 2008.

For the EFTA Surveillance Authority

Per SANDERUD
President

Kristján Andri STEFÁNSSON
College Member

ANNEX

IHN

Norway, with the exemption of the Norwegian part of the catchment areas of Grense Jacobselv and Pasvik river and the rivers in between and the associated coastal region.

VHS

Norway, with the exemption of:

1. the Norwegian part of the catchment areas of Grense Jacobselv and Pasvik river and the rivers in between and the associated coastal region;
 2. the coastal zones of Stranda and Norddal municipalities delimited by:
 - the east of a line drawn between Linge ferry quay on the north side of Norddalsfjorden and Svarthammaren,
 - the north-west of a line drawn between Urda on the east side of Storfjorden and Øygardsnakken on the west side of Storfjorden,
 - the south of a line drawn between Dukevika on the west side of Synnulvsfjorden and to a point that lies in the Fjord 1 km north of the abandoned farm Smoge on the east side of Synnulvsfjorden.
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