Council Directive 2006/88/EC of 24 October 2006 on animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals

# CHAPTER III

## ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACING ON THE MARKET OF AQUACULTURE ANIMALS AND PRODUCTS THEREOF

### **SECTION 4**

### Wild aquatic animals

## Article 20

#### Release of wild aquatic animals in Member States, zones or compartments declared disease-free

1 Wild aquatic animals of species susceptible to one or more of the diseases listed in Part II of Annex IV caught in a Member State or zone or compartment not declared diseasefree in accordance with Articles 49 or 50 shall be placed in quarantine under the supervision of the competent authority in suitable facilities, for a period of time sufficient to reduce to an acceptable level the risk of transmission of the disease, before they may be released into a farm or mollusc farming area situated in a Member State, zone, or compartment declared free from that disease in accordance with Articles 49 or 50.

2 The Member States may allow traditional extensive lagoon aquaculture practice, without the quarantine provided for in paragraph 1, provided a risk assessment is undertaken and that the risk is considered not higher than what is expected from the application of paragraph 1.