

# AQUATIC ANIMAL TRANSPORT RECORD BOOK





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## Transporter Details

APB Operator Name

APB Operator Address

Cefas FHI Operator  
Authorisation Number

Vehicle registration  
number

These transport records cover the period  
between

and

# Live fish transport and welfare in your business

## Responsibilities of fish transporters

Anyone involved with transport of live fish should be aware of their obligations under Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations and the Aquatic Animal Health (England & Wales) Regulations 2009.

Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 requires that an Animal Transport Certificate be completed for every journey where live fish are transported. In addition transporters of fish have to be authorised by Animal Health acting on behalf of Defra and the Welsh Assembly Government if they make journeys of 65 kilometres (40 miles) or more.

Details of how to apply for authorisation under Council Regulation (EC) No. 1/2005 are listed in Appendix 1.

The Aquatic Animal Health (England & Wales) Regulations 2001 prescribe that the following information must be recorded for every delivery of fish:

- Mortalities during transport as practical for the type of transport and species being transported.
- All farms, fisheries, processing plants and mollusc farming areas visited during each delivery.
- Any water exchanges made during the journey, especially the source of any new water and the site of discharge.

**The forms contained in this log combine the Animal Transport Certificate and the requirements of the Aquatic Animal Health Regulations. On the day of transport a page in the log should be completed for each journey during which fish are transported. The log should be kept in the transport vehicle at all times.**

*Note that forms in this transport log are not acceptable as fish movement records. It does not contain all information required under the Aquatic Animal Health Regulations. Separate movement records should still be kept to the prescribed format.*

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## Biosecurity

Movement of fish stock between farms is a fundamental activity of aquaculture production and carries with it significant risk of disease transfer. Whilst fish stocks can be screened for disease prior to transport, it is also important that methods of transportation do not increase the risk of spread of disease. The following guidelines outline the minimum biosecurity procedures that should be employed when transporting fish.

Three main factors to consider are:

- The source of the transport water.
- The method of disinfecting equipment between deliveries.
- The type of disinfectant utilised.

## Water Source

As well as being of suitable quality to support fish in good condition, water used to transport fish must not cause the introduction or spread of pathogens. To limit this risk water filling should only take place at the site of loading or if this is not possible, by using a suitable pathogen free source such as a borehole supply. Water from rivers is the least desirable source as it may contain pathogens not present in the transported fish.

## Equipment Disinfection

In order to minimise potential disease transference between sites, vehicles, tanks and equipment should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to loading for deliveries. Additionally where multiple sites are visited during a delivery run, the vehicle and nets should be cleaned and disinfected between sites.

Correct use of disinfectants is essential, and when preparing vehicles it is important that all excess organic matter and dirt is removed prior to disinfection. This will involve using proprietary detergents and brushes to clean awkward areas. Special attention should be given to fish transport tanks.

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Tanks must be thoroughly cleaned before the disinfection process. Taking care to remove all organic matter before applying the disinfectant maximises efficacy of the active component and enables adequate sterilisation to occur. Follow the manufacturers guidelines at all times and ensure washings from this process are disposed of properly.

## **Disinfectants**

There are a number of commercially available disinfectants that are suitable for disinfecting fish transport equipment. Before using these or other compounds the operator must always be aware of guidelines for their proper use and ensure that they are familiar with health and safety advice provided by the manufacturer.

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Estimated duration of journey from first loading to last destination

Confirmation of vehicle / tanks disinfected prior to first loading

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<i>Pickup address</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Water source</i>

**FISH DELIVERY DETAILS** (Record mortalities by number)

<i>Delivery address</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Mortalities</i>

Location of final water discharge

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# Appendix 1

Application forms to apply for authorisation as a fish transporter can be downloaded from the Defra website.

Applications for journeys over 65 kilometres and up to 8 hours:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk.corporate/regulat/forms/awelf/wit1 rev0508.pdf>

Applications for journeys over 65 kilometres and over 8 hours:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk.corporate/regulat/forms/awelf/wit2 rev0508.pdf>

Or by contacting:

Welfare in Transport Team  
Animal Health  
Central Operations Delivery  
Block C, Government Buildings  
Whittington Road  
Worcester WR5 2SU  
Animal Health Helpline: 0845 603 8395  
Email: [wit@animalhealth.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:wit@animalhealth.gsi.gov.uk)



