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Subject: ova

Hi <REDACTED>

Some notes on ova imports and Aquagen

60.2 million salmon ova imported into Scotland in 2019 (figures from health certificates) - 26.3 million from Iceland (Stofnfiskur), 23.7 million from Norway (Aquagen, Grieg Seafood Rogaland and Mowi Norway) and 10.2 million from Republic of Ireland (Mowi Ireland).

We have not received any consignments from Norway since May 2019. The number of ova imported from Iceland in 2019 has increased to fill the gap caused by the issues in Norway (increased from 10.1 million in 2018 to 26.3 million in 2019).

Aquagen now have a salmon hatchery in Dumfries, Scotland (Holywood Breeding Centre) which they will use to supply Scottish industry (not sure if this will be exclusively or if there will be some imports from Aquagen Norway as well to Scottish industry, will depend on demand). <REDACTED> – Out of scope

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Hope this helps.

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Subject: Temporary ova suspension update from Norwegian authorities.

Hi <REDACTED>

It was nice talking to you earlier – thank you for the update.

As we discussed, some industry members expressed concerns, over uncertainty with the subject in matter, as a result I thought it would best to ask DEFRA to seek an update from Norwegian authorities if possible. We would be grateful if you can

seek clarity and provide further information on the ISA free compartment list and when the competent authority will resume issuing certificates for exports.

I guess the main question to ask is if they expect to put forward the ISA free list for consideration and open up trade in the meeting next week or in any of the following meetings e.g April meeting? Are they seeking approval from SCoPAFF that they have fully implemented corrective measures or is this just an update on their progress?

Also is the EFTA audit completed (still scheduled until April?).
Also grateful if you can let me know if there is any forward visibility regarding which compartments will be put forward.

Any help/assistance you can provide would be greatly appreciate.

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: media inquiry - Salmon egg ban - the Ferret-Intrafish

Hi <REDACTED>

I saw <REDACTED> article and that was immediately my thought – imports were not banned, the Norwegian authority suspended issuing health certificates where attestations on freedom from ISA were required.

<REDACTED> received a call from someone purporting to be from Intrafish this morning, but she asked them to submit an email so she could forward to Comms. We haven't received any further communication from Intrafish since then

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Importance: High

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Do you have any observation on the comment highlighted below?

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Folks

Just for awareness, Norwegian exports were not banned – the Norwegian authorities suspended their export certification voluntarily (before a ban was imposed.)

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Thanks <REDACTED>

For awareness, website Intrafish, has also asked about Norwegian ban.

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<REDACTED>, thanks. I agree we need to head off the accusations of disease in Icelandic eggs though suggest we don't address the accusation directly but respond re rigorous trade process, disease-free status etc. So, copying to FHI colleagues for their comment/standard line.

Regards, <REDACTED>

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Good afternoon <REDACTED> <REDACTED> and colleagues

The Ferret has asked about a ban on Salmon egg imports to Scotland from Norway following a Scottish Salmon Watch FOI request.

The reporter is looking for SG comment on SSW's claim that Icelandic ova has been problematic and 'have history of disease problems' and asking 'could you also say how this ban has affected fish production due to Scotland's reliance on Norwegian imports?'

SSW Say

"A staggering 99% of co-called 'Scottish' salmon is actually controlled and owned by foreign companies with 65% under Norwegian control. The ban on ova imports from Norway is a slap in the face for Norwegian companies exploiting Scotland's wild image. It beggars belief that Norway bans imports of Scottish ova **yet the Scottish Government are falling over themselves to import ova from countries (eg Iceland) with a history of disease problems.**"

Have enclosing previous lines from a similar inquiry last week (Mail on Sunday Fol) as a starting point.

This covers the question re Norwegian ban's effect on production, so would propose reissuing, but with new line to address the question of any issues with Icelandic ova.

Grateful for assistance in drafting a response.

Thanks

<REDACTED>

PREVIOUSLY ISSUED STATEMENT

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"We are confident Scotland has access to an adequate supply of salmon ova.

"Since the suspension of imports from Norway, AquaGEN's investment in a salmon hatchery in Dumfries and Galloway has come on stream, supplying 50% of Scotland's ova needs.

"In addition to that, Scottish fish farmers continue to use their own broodstock and we are importing more ova from elsewhere, including Iceland.

"We are, however, monitoring the situation very closely and continuing to press Norway to resolve this matter."

FULL MEDIA INQUIRY

Further to call, I'm writing a story for The Ferret based on new information from Scottish Salmon Watch via a FOI request. Our story is that -

Salmon egg imports to Scotland from Norway have been banned due to the risk of a devastating viral disease spreading called Infectious Salmon Anaemia (ISA), we can reveal.

Millions of salmon eggs, aka ova, have been imported from Norway to Scottish salmon farms and hatcheries in recent years, with Scotland heavily reliant on Norwegian imports.

Both the Scottish and UK governments have expressed concern over ISA, however, and new documents reveal that exports of Norwegian ova were banned last June following an inspection by the European Free Trade Association's Surveillance Authority.

The ban remains in place because, according to the Scottish Government, "Norway is unable to ensure that farmed fish/shellfish sent for export to other EEA states will not affect the health of farmed fish/shellfish in those receiving countries".

ISA is an infectious viral disease of Atlantic Salmon. The disease was first reported in Norway in 1984, but has since been reported in Canada, the USA, the Faroe Islands, Ireland and Scotland. Both outbreaks of ISA in Scotland in 1998-99 and 2008-09 were successfully eradicated.

There are no treatments for ISA and it can cause severe losses to infected farms.

Hundreds of thousands of fish have previously been slaughtered in bids to control outbreaks of ISA, with affected fish farms disinfected and placed under close surveillance.

Scottish salmon production is heavily reliant upon the import of Norwegian ova with 90 per cent of ova imports coming from Norway, according to the Scottish Government.

The documents were released after a freedom of information request by Scottish Salmon Watch.

They reveal that in 2018 Scotland imported imported 48 million salmon ova from Norway and nearly 24 million in 2019," according to an internal Scottish Government memo in October 2019.

In 2018, Scotland imported 66 million ova with 48.3 million from Norway, 10.1 million from Iceland and 7.3 million from the Republic of Ireland.

The ban on ova exports from Norway in June 2019 led to zero Norwegian imports of ova to Scotland after a shipment to Mowi on 22 May 2019. All shipments after that

date - at least up to the end of 2019 when data is available - were from Icelandic firm, Stofnfiskur.

"Salmon farming is a disease-ridden nightmare," said Don Staniford, Director of Scottish Salmon Watch. "Discerning consumers will be shocked to discover that the vast majority of 'Scottish' salmon marketed in glossy advertising by supermarkets is actually sourced as eggs from Norway, Iceland and Ireland. Iceland has now become the #1 importer of ova for use on Scottish salmon due to disease risks in Norway. The ban on imports of ova from Norway should be extended to other countries to protect the genetic integrity of Scottish salmon."

"A staggering 99% of co-called 'Scottish' salmon is actually controlled and owned by foreign companies with 65% under Norwegian control. The ban on ova imports from Norway is a slap in the face for Norwegian companies exploiting Scotland's wild image. It beggars belief that Norway bans imports of Scottish ova **yet the Scottish Government are falling over themselves to import ova from countries (eg Iceland) with a history of disease problems.**"

Could you send a comment by 5pm today please, in reply to SSW's claim that Icelandic ova has been problematic as well? Could you also say how this ban has affected fish production due to Scotland's reliance on Norwegian imports?

Thanks.

Kind regards,

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Subject: Undercurrent news report on 'Norway ban'

<https://www.undercurrentnews.com/2020/02/25/iceland-replaces-norway-as-main-source-of-scottish-salmon-eggs-following-import-ban-data-shows/>

For info - another report coming out of the FOI data released a couple of weeks ago which inaccurately reports that Scottish Government has temporarily banned imports of salmon ova from Norway.

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Subject: RE: Feedback from Norway - ova suspension

<REDACTED> – thanks. Pretty much as we understood the situation previously but good to see a development appears imminent (though we've heard that before). Copying <REDACTED> for info as we were speaking about this only yesterday.

Regards, <REDACTED>

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Subject: FW: Feedback from Norway - ova suspension

Hi everyone,

In case anyone was wondering what is happening with the ova suspension please see below the latest correspondence by DEFRA following my persistent enquiries.

Kind regards

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Subject: Feedback from Norway - ova suspension

Hi <REDACTED>,

Sorry for the delay with this but we've now heard back from Norway regarding an update on the ova suspension.

They have informed us that they've been in a process of carrying out a comprehensive evaluation of all of their previously Declared ISA-free zones and compartments in order to rule out all possible misunderstandings and lack of fulfilment of the requirements set out in Commission Decision 1554/2015. This process is now in its final stage, and a conclusion will be reached within a few days.

Therefore, they've said that at the moment they're not able to give more details on which compartments will be reintroduced on their list, but will provide more information as soon as the final decision is made.

I will let you know as and when we receive more information.

Best wishes,

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Subject: Norweigen Temporary ova suspension update

Dear all,

Please find information below regarding the Norwegian self-imposed suspension of health certification of live aquaculture animals from certain ISA-free zones and compartments.

They have now confirmed that the Norwegian Food Safety Authority has decided to lift the suspension for the following compartments as from 6th March 2020:

- Compartment 18000 - Rimstad, Company AquaGen
- Compartment 12917 – Sjølseng – Hall 6, Veksthall 1 og 2, Company AquaGen

- Compartment 12917 – Sjølseng - Hall 2, Company AquaGen

Consequently, live ova produced at those compartments will from now on be certified for export to UK.

Best wishes,

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Subject: RE: Export of Ova ban lifted by Norway- Submission - 12.3.20 (003)

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The line which has gone up is factually correct and can stand. What I flagged up is that this will have an unknown effect upon the supply of ova to Scotland, particularly with the Sjølseng compartment. At present we don't have the data to predict what this may mean for ova supply going forwards.

<REDACTED> – Out of scope. The lines that you suggest are correct.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: Export of Ova ban lifted by Norway- Submission - 12.3.20 (003)

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Do you think we should send up an update to the paper or just leave it at is? The line is relatively specific

We welcome the decision by the Norwegian Food Safety Authority to lift their self-imposed suspension of health certification of live aquaculture animals from certain ISA-free zones and compartments from 6 March 2020. This means live ova produced in specific compartments can now be certified for export to Scotland.

If you recommend an update - perhaps we should say something along the following lines:

“Further to my advice contained in the submission, we have just learned that it is unclear what volume of ova will be traded from the compartments declared free.

The Sjolseng compartment is a new area, and we have no knowledge of the volume of ova which may be available to be supplied. The Rimstad compartment has historically supplied variable volumes of ova to Scotland.

Although the announcement is most welcome, Scotland may still have to rely upon domestic production and supply from other international sources for the next ova season or two until further compartments are declared disease free.”

Thanks

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Subject: RE: Export of Ova ban lifted by Norway- Submission - 12.3.20 (003)

<REDACTED>

Thank you. I've sent the paper up to Cab Sec.

Perhaps we need to change our line to take?

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Whilst the announcement is welcomed, it is unclear what volume of ova will be traded from the compartments declared free – the Sjølseng compartment is a new area, we have no knowledge of the volume of ova which may be available to be supplied. The Rimstad compartment has historically supplied variable volumes of ova to Scotland.

Bear in mind that the supply of ova to Scotland, as a percentage of ova required for domestic production in Norway, is relatively small, single digit percentages only.

Depending upon how quickly other compartments are declared disease free, Scotland may still have to rely upon domestic production and supply from other international sources for the next ova season or two.

Happy to discuss further if required.

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Subject: Export of Ova ban lifted by Norway- Submission - 12.3.20 (003)

PS/ Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism

Please find attached a submission updating the Cabinet Secretary on the latest position which notes the lifting of the ova export ban from Norway on certain compartments.

Kind regards

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lifted by Norway- Su

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Subject: RE: ISA Approved Norwegian areas

Hi <REDACTED>

<REDACTED> - personal information

That's really good that you have secured a route for the ova. You only need to send the IMP2 to us, you don't need to send an AAH1 to Cefas as well.

The normal route for a new site or a site that was resuming trade would be that an application is submitted to SCoPAFF and all member states get a chance to review and question it before it is passed. As you say, I doubt the ESA will go ahead either. I suspect that as the Norwegian authority implemented a voluntary suspension before trade was official restricted, trade will resume with these sites, but I will clarify this before we receive any imports from these sites.

Cheers

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Subject: RE: ISA Approved Norwegian areas

Hi <REDACTED>,

We are good thank you, I trust you are also keeping well?

Cairndow import went smoothly- arrived at site before 9am the following day, so only 45hrs cylinder to tank 😊.

Icelandic government have secured a route to Heathrow so we will be ok going forward-
https://icelandmonitor.mbl.is/news/politics_and_society/2020/03/30/icelandair_and_government_sign_agreement/

Week 17, 20, 23, 27, 30 and 31 so far remaining of this season- I intend to use the same LHR route until the Glasgow run opens up again. Should I continue to submit both an IMP-2 and AAH1?

There isn't an import we've not been able to cover globally and we still have charter flights or DHL as a backup option.

Thank you for that information. What is the position of Marine Scotland on imports from Norway now- can material be imported from those listed sites or will you wait until they have passed the ESA audit? I imagine the audit will now be delayed due to corona and will not now take place in April. We are not aware of any communication from ESA on the subject so are unclear on how they view the situation.

All the best,

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Sent: 31 March 2020 07:49

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Subject: ISA Approved Norwegian areas

Hi <REDACTED>

I hope you are keeping safe and well.

Just to let you know, Mattilsynet have published a list of the sites they have approved as free of ISA and will allow exports to recommence from.

https://www.mattilsynet.no/language/english/fish_and_aquaculture/fish_health/areas_declared_free_from_infectious_salmon_anaemia_isa.19431

Hope the delivery of ova to Cairndow went well last week, even with the circuitous route. Do you have many more imports planned or are there issues getting flights from Iceland to UK?

Cheers

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>
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From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 April 2020 12:33
To: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Import of salmon ova from Norway

<REDACTED>

Thank you.

I'll run my draft to Ministers by you.

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Sent: 02 April 2020 09:32
To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Import of salmon ova from Norway

Hi <REDACTED>

I think you can pass this on to the Ministers, but please be aware that is possibly going to be the only consignment from a while. I spoke with <REDACTED>, the <REDACTED>, yesterday and he did say that there wasn't an immediate demand from the industry to buy ova from Aquagen as we are at the end of the main ova season. Aquagen were taking this opportunity to import ova to maintain their UK based broodstock population which will be beneficial in the future.

Thanks

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>
Sent: 01 April 2020 16:27
To: <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Cc: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Import of salmon ova from Norway

<REDACTED>

Thank you.

Can I let Ministers know as this is a good news story?

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From: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Sent: 01 April 2020 15:51

To: <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>; <REDACTED> <REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Cc: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Subject: Import of salmon ova from Norway

Hi all

I have received notification from Aquagen that a consignment of 100,000 salmon ova from their Rimstad site in Norway are due to arrive on 8th of April following approval of the site as ISA free by Mattilsynet. These are elite ova that will be used for broodstock in the UK in 3-4 years. The ova are going to be delivered to Rysa Incubation Unit in Orkney and ongrown with Cooke Aquaculture.

Aquagen are taking the opportunity to import elite ova to cover production in 3-4 years and while there are still flights available.

Thanks

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

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From: <REDACTED> (MARLAB)
Sent: 03 April 2020 07:46
To: <REDACTED> <REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Official Sensitive - Commercial - Import of Ova from Norway

Yes, they are both from the Rimstad facility

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 April 2020 17:10
To: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Official Sensitive - Commercial - Import of Ova from Norway

<REDACTED>

Thanks.

Is this consignment also from the same compartment as the earlier consignment?

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Sent: 02 April 2020 13:48
To: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>
<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>; <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>
<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Official Sensitive - Commercial - Import of Ova from Norway

Aquagen have confirmed that the second batch of 120,000 ova are also elite ova for use as future broodstock by Aquagen Scotland

Thanks

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> (MARLAB)
Sent: 02 April 2020 13:10
To: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>
<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>; <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Official Sensitive - Commercial - Import of Ova from Norway

Hi <REDACTED>

Just to let you know I have just received a second import notification from Aquagen for a further 120,000 ova for delivery to Knock Hatchery, operated by Scottish Sea Farms, arriving on 8th April. I

think these are also elite ova for broodstock production, but waiting for confirmation. <REDACTED> did mention yesterday that they might import 200,000 ova.

I'll confirm with you as soon as I have the info

Cheers

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Sent: 02 April 2020 12:59

To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>; <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>(MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Official Sensitive - Commercial - Import of Ova from Norway

Hi <REDACTED>

I think that's a good idea and the proposed update looks good to me.

Cheers

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>

Sent: 02 April 2020 12:50

To: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Cc: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Subject: Official Sensitive - Commercial - Import of Ova from Norway

Colleagues

I should be grateful for comments on the short update below which I propose to send to Mr Ewing on ova imports. I think it would be helpful to provide a good news story in light of all the COVID 19 issues that are dominating our work.

Further to my submission of 12 March noting that the Norwegian Food Safety Authority had lifted their self-imposed suspension on 3 zones and compartments of ova, I can now advise that a consignment of 100,000 salmon ova from the Rimstad site in Norway have been ordered by Aquagen and are due to arrive on 8th of April.

The ova will be delivered to Rysa Incubation Unit in Orkney for onward growing by Cooke Aquaculture. These represent elite ova that will be used for broodstock in the UK in the next 3-4 years.

Kind regards

<REDACTED>

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From: <REDCATED> defra.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 April 2020 11:34

To: <REDCATED>gov.scot>; <REDCATED>daera-ni.gov.uk>; <REDCATED>gov.wales;

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<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>;

<REDACTED><<REDACTED>@daera-ni.gov.uk>; <REDACTED>@daera-ni.gov.uk

Cc: <REDACTED><<REDACTED>@defra.gov.uk>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED>@defra.gov.uk>

Subject: Norweigen ova suspension - updates

Hi all,

As promised, please find below more detailed updates on the Norwegian self-imposed suspension of health certification of live aquaculture animals from certain ISA-free zones and compartments.

The Norwegian Food Safety Authority has decided to lift the suspension for the following compartments as of 6th March 2020:

- Compartment 18000 - Rimstad, Company AquaGen
- Compartment 12917 – Sjølseng – Hall 6, Veksthall 1 og 2, Company AquaGen
- Compartment 12917 – Sjølseng - Hall 2, Company AquaGen

Moreover, their web-sites are now updated with the relevant information required according to Article 51 of Directive (EC) 2006/88 regarding ISA-free status of Norwegian zones and compartments.

Please see the following link:

https://www.mattilsynet.no/language/english/fish_and_aquaculture/fish_health/areas_declared_free_from_infectious_salmon_anaemia_isa.19431

They started issuing animal health certificates for those zones and compartments not being subject to suspension from 30th March 2020.

These are not the same compartments as those with recent outbreaks of ISA (as you would've been notified via the ADNS circulation sent by Cefas).

Best,

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

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<REDACTED><REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED>@aquagen.no>

Sent: 08 May 2020 08:18

To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Cc: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Subject: Statement ref recent import

Hi <REDACTED>

I am getting in contact with you following some communications I had yesterday, initiated by SSPO and following which with 2 of our customers here in Scotland.

They were looking for clarification on the background to 2 small shipments imported from Norway in early April.

As we had communications on the subject a while ago I thought helpful to appraise you of the matter and copy to you a statement we prepared on the subject. I have also copied in Andrea as the matter is relevant to her responsibilities.

Best regards

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

AquaGen Scotland Ltd

Mob: <REDACTED>

Email: <REDACTED>@aquagen.no



Aquagen
statement_Redacted.p

<REDACTED> [Email out of scope](#)

From: <REDACTED> <[REDACTED@gov.scot](mailto:<REDACTED>@gov.scot)>
Sent: 18 May 2020 11:04
To: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <[REDACTED@gov.scot](mailto:<REDACTED>@gov.scot)>; <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <[REDACTED@gov.scot](mailto:<REDACTED>@gov.scot)>
Cc: <[REDACTED@gov.scot](mailto:<REDACTED>@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: ISA ban

Thanks very much <REDACTED> – I was just checking with <REDACTED> what our relationship with <REDACTED> was so I could gauge comms v direct contact – so very helpful to know we're had that informal approach in the past.

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <[REDACTED@gov.scot](mailto:<REDACTED>@gov.scot)>
Sent: 18 May 2020 10:58
To: <REDACTED> <[REDACTED@gov.scot](mailto:<REDACTED>@gov.scot)>; <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <[REDACTED@gov.scot](mailto:<REDACTED>@gov.scot)>
Cc: <[REDACTED@gov.scot](mailto:<REDACTED>@gov.scot)>
Subject: RE: ISA ban

Morning <REDACTED>

I know that it is the language that <REDACTED> has used, but there is no 'egg ban'.

<REDACTED> – Internal communications

If they can get a list of questions from Nicki, we can provide the answers. Some may be estimates, or statements based upon current understanding and situation, but that's as good as we can do.

I wouldn't expect standard policy lines to suffice here, given <REDACTED> request, however we'll see what comes in.

Cheers

<REDACTED>
<REDACTED>

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From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Sent: 18 May 2020 10:22
To: <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> (MARLAB) <REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Cc: <REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: ISA ban

Morning both,

Note a request for information for the current state of the salmon egg ban from Norway has come in from the written media. I'm planning on redirecting the enquirer to comms so we will provide a response via formal channels. I expect we'll need your input to ensure the standard lines we have on policy records reflect up to date discussions I think you have been involved in – so just giving you prior notice that I expect we'll be coming your way soon.

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED> <REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Sent: 18 May 2020 09:53
To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gmail.com>
Cc: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: ISA ban

Good morning <REDACTED>

I hope you are well. <REDACTED>, <REDACTED> – would you be able to help <REDACTED> with this request (potentially via comms).

All the best.

<REDACTED>
<REDACTED>, Animal Health and Welfare
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Web: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/animal-health-welfare/>
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If I cannot be reached on my extension, please dial 07827 257582

From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gmail.com>

Sent: 16 May 2020 10:37

To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Subject: ISA ban

Hi <REDACTED>, I am currently writing an article for the Advocate - run by the Global Aquaculture Alliance – on the situation with salmon egg supply in Scotland, and would like to speak to someone to understand the current situation on the egg ban from Norway. Who would be the best person to contact please? Is this something you could comment on?

Kind regards

<REDACTED>

This email was sent by:

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“Since the suspension of imports from Norway, new salmon hatchery facilities have come on stream in Scotland which were able to supply some of Scotland’s ova needs. The Scottish Government will continue to support the increased production of ova here in Scotland. In addition, Scottish fish farmers continued to use their own broodstock and were able to import further supplies from countries which operate within approved zones free from listed disease. As a result we don’t expect any impact on production to arise in 2021 or 2022.

“The Norwegian Food Safety Authority (NFSA) lifted its self-imposed suspension of health certification of live fish, ova and gametes from a number of ISA-free zones and compartments in March 2020. This was welcome news to much of the farmed salmon industry in Scotland. The Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation has been notified and information is available on the NFSA website.”

Background

Further information can be found on the [Norwegian Food Safety Authority](#) website.

<REDACTED> - Internal communications

From: <REDACTED><<REDACTED>@gov.scot>

Sent: 19 May 2020 13:02

To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>;

<REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; <REDACTED>
<<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>;
<REDACTED><<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Media query - salmon ova supply in Scotland

Ok, that's great. Think the request came in to <REDACTED> predecessor, thence to <REDACTED> who suggested rightly it route through Comms in the 1st instance; so all good.

Regards, <REDACTED>

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From: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Date: Tuesday, 19 May 2020, 12:58 pm
To: <REDACTED><<REDACTED>@gov.scot>, <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>, <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>, <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>, <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>, <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>, <REDACTED><<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Media query - salmon ova supply in Scotland

Thanks <REDACTED>,

Yes, this request has come from <REDACTED> – has it come to your team by a different route? If so good to know so I don't ask people to replicate any work that has already been taken forward.

The deadline is the end of the week, however I'm keen to issue lines as soon as we can. Ideally by COP tomorrow.

Best,

<REDACTED>

From: <REDACTED><<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Sent: 19 May 2020 12:53
To: <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED>@scotland.gsi.gov.uk>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Economy <CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>; <REDACTED><<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>; <REDACTED> <<REDACTED>@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Media query - salmon ova supply in Scotland

<REDACTED> - thanks. Think we've seen this and <REDACTED>, copied, has.

<REDACTED> - think this came in from <REDACTED>? When is it required as <REDACTED> doesn't work today?

<REDACTED>

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From: <REDACTED> <<[REDACTED](mailto:REDACTED@gov.scot)>>
Date: Tuesday, 19 May 2020, 12:41 pm
To: <REDACTED> <<[REDACTED](mailto:REDACTED@gov.scot)>>, <REDACTED>
<<[REDACTED](mailto:REDACTED@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)>>
Cc: Communications Economy <<CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>>, <REDACTED>
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Subject: RE: Media query - salmon ova supply in Scotland

<REDACTED> this is an aquaculture issue rather than recreational fishing and will be for <REDACTED> and colleagues to respond. I have copied <REDACTED> into this, as well as <REDACTED> and <REDACTED>. I assume one of them provide the previous lines.

Regards

<REDACTED>

<REDACTED>

Recreational Fisheries Team
Marine Scotland
Area 1B North
Victoria Quay

I am currently working from home and can be contacted by email or skype

<REDACTED> - Personal information

From: <REDACTED> <<[REDACTED](mailto:REDACTED@gov.scot)>>
Sent: 19 May 2020 12:36
To: <REDACTED> <<[REDACTED](mailto:REDACTED@gov.scot)>>; <REDACTED> <<[REDACTED](mailto:REDACTED@gov.scot)>>;
<REDACTED> <<[REDACTED](mailto:REDACTED@gov.scot)>>
Cc: Communications Economy <<CommunicationsEconomy@gov.scot>>
Subject: Media query - salmon ova supply in Scotland

Hi <REDACTED>, <REDACTED> and <REDACTED>,

We have been asked to supply information about the supply of salmon ova Scotland and the gradual lifting of the ova ban from Norway (please see full query below).

Grateful if you can suggest lines to respond to this query. I have included lines issued previously on this matter, which appear to predate the lifting of the ban.

Grateful also if you can extend the copylist if I missed any key officials.

Query

I am currently writing an article for the Advocate - run by the Global Aquaculture Alliance – on the situation with salmon ova supply in Scotland, and would like to speak to someone to understand how the gradual lifting of the ova ban from Norway is being managed and notified, or to receive a quote about the situation.

Previous lines (issued Feb 2020)

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“We are confident Scotland’s aquaculture industry has access to an adequate supply of salmon ova and don’t expect any impact on production in 2021 and 2022.

“Since the suspension of imports from Norway, new salmon hatchery facilities have come on stream in Scotland, supplying much of Scotland’s ova needs. In addition, Scottish fish farmers continue to use their own broodstock and are importing more ova from elsewhere, including Iceland which operates within an approved zone free from listed disease.

“We are, however, monitoring the situation very closely and continuing to press Norway to resolve this matter.”

<REDACTED>

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