



# The conditions for importing (live) shrimp into the European Union

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# Legal Framework

## ***EU Animal health legislation***

- *Council Directive 2006/88 (animal health requirements for aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals)*
- *Commission Regulation 1251/2008 (conditions and certification requirements for the placing on the market and the import into the Community of aquaculture animals and products thereof and laying down a list of vector species (Text with EEA relevance))*

*New Animal Health Regulation to apply in 2021*

# Conditions

- **Country of origin** offers assurances of health status and of compliance and control by competent authority of equivalent animal health standards (listed in Annex III of Commission Directive 1251/2008).
  - **For live crustaceans (shrimp)- only US**
- **Health certificate**

# Procedure for listing a country

- (1) **Official application** by third country CA to Commission
- (2) **Questionnaire**
- (3) If necessary, **audit** by the Commission
- (4) **Support by Member States**

*Average: 18 -24 months*

# The case of live shrimp intended for farming

- *US is the only country allowed to export live crustaceans to the EU.*
- *11 mio shrimps exported from the US into the EU since January 2017.*