

In reply to FAO letter FI-33 dd. 4 December 2008 please find below comments of Poland to the document received.

1. Amendment to Art. 148. - to add:

The certification body or entity should ensure that the personnel who conduct assessment in view of certification are competent with respect to aquaculture certification principles and certification procedures and they are different from the personnel which grant the certificate.

2. General remark of the Polish Inland Fisheries Institute:

The implementation and operation of such extended certification system requires professional service. This will create the economical problem for the line of business. Who will pay? Fish farmer, GA or NGO? No matter who, it will increase the fish price. Would it be accepted (balanced) by quality certificate?

Due to the Inland Fisheries Institute initiative the similar Master Management System (MMS-Aqua) has been initially implemented in two Polish hatcheries.

Best regards

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