SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION FOR RECOGNITION OF DISEASE-FREE STATUS FOR CATEGORY C DISEASES OF AQUATIC ANIMALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 4 OF PART II OF REGULATION (EU) 2020/689 AND ARTICLE 11 OF COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/2002 — PROVISIONAL DECLARATION OF FREEDOM FROM VHS AND IHN IN THE COMPARTMENT WYLĘGARNIA RYB "DĄBIE" ODDZIAŁ WYLĘGARNICZY GOSTKOWO

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Date of submission	08/01/25
Type of declaration	Disease-free status of an establishment which commence with its activities (Article 80 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2020/689).  Relevant general criteria in accordance with point (a) of Article 73(1) of Regulation (EU) 2020/689 are complied with.
Declaring Member State	Republic of Poland
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Name of category C diseases	Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia (VHS) Infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN)
Territorial scope	□Zone ⊠Compartment
General information about the establishment	Address:     Wylęgarnia Ryb "Dąbie"     Oddział Wylęgarniczy Gostkowo     Gostkowo 1D     77-100 Bytów  Geographic coordinates: N54°13′0.16"; E17°28′46.02"  See: Annex I and II  Species kept in the establishment: rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss), brook trout (Salvelinus fontinalis), river trout (Salmo trutta m. fario) and lake trout

#### (Salvelinus namaycush).

The document concerns a newly created establishment approved on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The establishment commences aquaculture activities with aquatic animals orginated from a disease-free compartment.

General criteria for granting disease-free status for compartments where aquaculture animals are kept, listed in art. 73(1)(a)(I, II and IV) Regulation (EU) 2020/689, are defined in national law:

- 1. Act on the protection of animal health and control of animal infectious diseases,
- Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on detailed veterinary requirements for running activities concerning aquaculture,
- 3. Regulation of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development on the control of infectious diseases of aquaculture animals.

## **Biosecurity measures:**

Fish farming takes place in a closed facility. The roofed production hall is surrounded by a fence. The facility is monitored. The hall includes: 70 incubation devices, 62 nursery pools and 26 pools for broodstock. The establishment has developed the animal health surveillance program and principles of GHP and GMP.

Approval of disease-free status for compartments keeping aquaculture animals:

Wylęgarnia Ryb "Dąbie", Oddział Wylęgarniczy Gostkowo, 77-100 Bytów, Gostkowo 1D is approved by District Veterinary Officer in Bytów with headquarters in Miastko (pomorskie voivodeship) under the approval number: 22019256.

## Traceability:

Traceability is guaranteed by applying appropriate procedures including the use of:

- broodstock code (dedicated to the sales supervision register),
- breeding line code (dedicated to livestock supervision),
- inventory supervision using pool identification boards with physical records on the day the pools were stocked with fish material (i.e. breeding line code or broodstock code assigned to the appropriate pool with its numerical status),
- recording and registration in the scope of controlling the turnover of fish material on the farm, where two

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integrated IT systems are used:

- 1. an inventory program for breeding in terms of the register of feeding, deaths, catches and fish stocking,
- 2. a program for forecasting and supervising production and sales based on records of breeding processes and orders from customers.

Broodstock codes are placed on sales documents, thanks to which it is possible to trace the path from the creation of the product (fertilization of the eggs) to the receipt of fish material by the customer (breeder). In the event of any complaints, there is a possibility to verify the information with other customers who received the product with the same broodstock code.

### Animal movements:

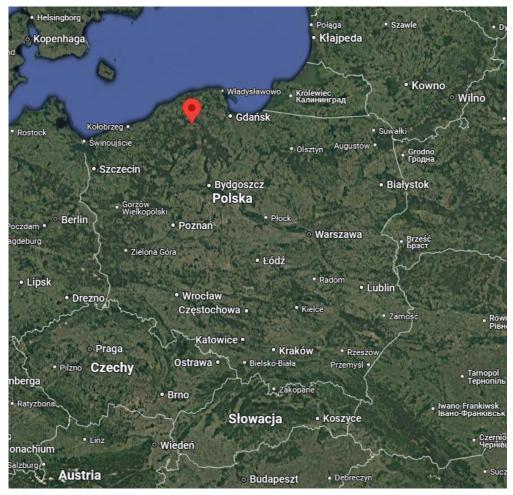
The eggs were received by the establishment on 20th December 2023. The eggs orginated from the Wylegarnia Ryb Dabie, Oddział Wylegarniczy Budówko 1, 76-248 Debnica Kaszubska, approval number: 22129207 (establishment considered as VHS- and IHN-free since 6th April 2012). The eggs were received by the establishment with an accompanying animal health certificate confirming the health status regarding VHS and IHN, therefore a population free from those diseases was established.

<u>Independence of the health status of the surrounding</u> natural waters:

The establishment is considered as a single epidemiological unit and it is not influenced by the animal health status of the surrounding natural waters.

Water is taken directly from a deep well, the outlet of which is in the building.

The closed facility constitutes an artificial barrier that prevents aquatic animals from surrounding natural waters from entering the facility. It is protected against overflow or penetration of water from the surrounding natural waters.





Annex 2 - Technological diagram of the establishment

