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## Press Information

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### **KOI HERPESVIRUS DISEASE OUTBREAK CONFIRMED**

Movements of fish in and out of a West Midlands fishery have been restricted following the confirmation of the serious viral fish disease, Koi Herpesvirus Disease.

Defra has issued a Designated Area Order prohibiting the movement of fish to and from The Lakes at Barston, West Midlands Golf Club, Marsh House Farm Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands.

Samples were taken from the affected fisheries following reported deaths of fish.

KHV Disease affects common carp and carp varieties such as Koi. It can result in high rates of fish mortalities.

There are no implications for human health.

It became a legal obligation to notify suspicion of KHV Disease on 6 April 2007. The measures developed in partnership between government and industry to help combat outbreaks were announced on 21 May.

Suspicion of the presence of the disease should be immediately reported to: **the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) in Weymouth**

**Tel: 01305-206673/206674**

Email: [fish.health.inspectorate@cefas.co.uk](mailto:fish.health.inspectorate@cefas.co.uk)

## **EDITORS' NOTES**

1. The Diseases of Fish (Designated Areas) (England) (No. 10) Order 2007, issued under the 1937 Diseases of Fish Act (as amended), restrict the movement of any live fish, or eggs of fish, into or out of the designated areas without the prior written consent of Defra.
2. The designated areas is: The Lakes at Barston, West Midlands Golf Club, Marsh House Farm Lane, Barston, Solihull, West Midlands, which, when mapped by Ordnance Survey, comprises the waters (other than waters within the River Blythe) and the land in the area bounded by an imaginary line drawn from SP21408014 straight to SP21348020, then straight to SP20768019, then straight to SP20767900, then straight to SP21587895, then straight to SP21797905, then from SP21797905 back to SP21408014 following the course of the River Blythe.
3. KHV disease may be suspected if dead or dying fish with other clinical evidence such as bleeding from the gills, white patches on the gills or skin, sunken eyes and hyperactive behaviour are found in fisheries, other inland waters, fish farms, fish dealers, retailers, aquaria and garden ponds. These signs usually appear when water temperatures are between 15°C and 28°C.
4. Details of the statutory and voluntary controls in place to help combat outbreaks of KHV Disease may be accessed from the following web site :  
[www.efishbusiness.co.uk](http://www.efishbusiness.co.uk).