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## Press Information

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### KOI HERPESVIRUS DISEASE OUTBREAKS CONFIRMED

Movements of fish into and out of a number of fisheries in Berkshire have been restricted, following the confirmation of Koi Herpesvirus Disease.

Defra has issued a Designated Area Order prohibiting the movement of fish to and from, as well as between Burghfield Match Lake, Reading, Berkshire and a number of adjacent waters.

Samples were taken from Burghfield Match Lake following reported deaths of fish. A number of other fisheries connected to the infected fishery have been included within the designated area as a precautionary measure.

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

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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. 12) 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, or between the waters within, the designated area without the prior written consent of Defra.
2. The designated area includes Burghfield Match Lake, Burghfield Big Lake, Burghfield Blue Pool, Watersports Lagoon, Barnett's Lagre Pit, Barnett's Small Pit, Farnham Flint, Englefield Lagoon, Pinge Wood Lagoon, Cottage Lane Lakes, Copthorne Hotel Lake and comprises the waters (other than waters within the Kennet and Avon Canal) and the land in the area bounded by an imaginary line drawn from SU68107070 straight to SU67506980, then straight to SU69406950, then straight to SU69607120, then to SU68507090 following the course of the River Kennet, then back to SU68107070 following the course of the Kennet and Avon Canal.
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).