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Dear Bernard

COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 93/53 ON MINIMUM CONTROLS MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF CERTAIN FISH DISEASES: VIRAL HAEMORRHAGIC SEPTICAEMIA (VHS)

Further to my letters of 16 June and 1 September 2006 to you, I am writing to submit the final epizootic report, as required by Article 8 of the above Directive, for the outbreak of VHS in Yorkshire last year.

I would also like to submit an application for a programme to re-establish disease-free status for the affected area for approval. We have designed the programme under Article 49 and Annex V of Directive 2006/88/EC, as this Directive will be applicable at the scheduled end of the programme.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Landeg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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