

## Quality Policy Statement

### Competent Authority Administration Office

The Marine Institute, as the Competent Authority for the implementation of the fish health legislation in Ireland, manages the administrative procedures associated with the implementation of this legislation - Council Directive 2006/88/EC (on animal health requirements of aquaculture animals and products thereof, and on the prevention and control of certain diseases in aquatic animals) transposed into Irish law by Statutory Instrument No 261 of 2008. Organisationally, the Competent Authority function is executed by the Fish Health Unit of the Marine Environment and Food Safety Services Division.

The Competent Authority Office maintains a Quality Management System which conforms to ISO 9001:2015 and which will take into account all statutory duties carried out by the office. We are committed to the continual improvement of the effectiveness of this management system through periodic reviews.

The organisation establishes and reviews quality objectives and it is our intention to ensure that the following commitments are met:

- Full compliance with the legislative requirements which attach to our role as Competent Authority
- Continual improvement in all aspects of our performance
- Ensure that this policy statement is promoted, understood, implemented and maintained throughout all aspects of our role as Competent Authority
- Ensure that the needs and requirements of all clients of the Competent Authority are met and client feedback is used as input for improvement in performance

The Marine Institute places great importance on the achievement and maintenance of the Quality Management System and will make every effort to provide sufficient resources for this purpose.



**Signed:**

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