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<p>Planning permission (Probably not required for small scale hobbyists and smaller poly-tunnels. A case by case basis for larger units)</p> <p><i>Charges apply</i></p> <p><i>Target times = 8 weeks minor, 13 weeks major or 16 weeks if EIA required.</i></p>	<p>Granting of development consents for land based fish farms under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 as amended</p>	<p>Local Authorities</p>	<p>See relevant local authority</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/planning-permissions-for-farms/when-you-need-it</p> <p>http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/general/news/stories/2007/aug/2007-08-Week-1/governmentclarifiesposition</p>
<p><i>An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Habitats Risk Assessment (HRA) or other Environmental consent are unlikely to be required for these types of aquaculture business.</i></p>			
<p>Water Abstraction & Discharge Licences</p> <p>(Either or may not be required for small scale set ups using tap water and either recycling waste or discharging to sewers)</p> <p><i>Charges apply</i></p> <p><i>Target time = 13 weeks subject to exceptions.</i></p>	<p>Abstraction and Discharges under Environmental permitting regulations (England & Wales) 2010</p> <p>Water Act 2003 may be applicable to freshwater abstraction, impoundment and discharge</p>	<p>Environment agency</p>	<p>03708 506 506</p> <p>enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/environmental-management/water</p>
<p>Authorisation to operate an Aquaculture Production Business APB</p> <p>(Full authorisation may only be required for some larger aquaponic units, most smaller units may only require Registration, see web link for guidance) (Authorisation in principle may be available for aquaponics units that qualify as APBs)</p> <p><i>No charges</i></p> <p><i>Target time = 90 days including consultation</i></p>	<p>Authorisation of aquaculture production businesses (APBs) under the Aquatic Animal Health (England & Wales) Regulations 2009</p> <p><i>N.B. Authorisation for APB, Import & Permitting of Alien species may all be dealt with as one by FHI in many cases.</i></p>	<p>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</p>	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>FHI@cefas.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/fish-and-shellfish-farm-authorisation-and-registration</p> <p>https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130702173913/http://www.defra.gov.uk/aahm/files/Guide-Aquaponics.pdf (Then click on most recent version)</p>

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<p>Authorisation to import livestock</p> <p><i>Required if seed stock are to be sourced from anywhere outside England, Wales or Scotland</i></p> <p><i>No charges</i></p> <p><i>Target time = 15 to 90 days</i></p>	<p>Authorisation to import livestock for aquaculture from EU or third countries under Aquatic animal health Directive 2006/88. This authorisation can be applied for at the same time as the APB.</p> <p><i>N.B. Authorisation for APB, Import & Permitting of Alien species may all be dealt with as one by FHI in many cases.</i></p>	<p>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</p>	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>FHI@cefas.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/import-or-export-live-fish-and-shellfish</p>
<p>Permitting farming of alien species.</p> <p><i>(Fully enclosed Aquaponics do not require permitting under ASR and can be authorised by FHI as normal if system is secure)</i></p> <p><i>No charges</i></p> <p><i>Target time = 15 to 90 days</i></p>	<p>Permitting under the Alien and Locally Absent Species in Aquaculture (England & Wales) Regulations 2011.</p> <p><i>N.B. Authorisation for APB, Import & Permitting of Alien species may all be dealt with as one by FHI in many cases.</i></p>	<p>Fish Health Inspectorate (FHI)</p>	<p>01305 206700</p> <p>FHI@cefas.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/introduce-or-keep-non-native-fish-and-shellfish</p>
<p>Approval to manufacture medicated Feed</p> <p><i>Whilst not currently applicable to the Aquaponics sector. This may be required by some farms in the future.</i></p> <p><i>Required where veterinary medicines are to be mixed into or onto feed for feeding to the farmer's own fish.</i></p> <p><i>Charges apply, Conditional approval available.</i></p> <p><i>Target time = 10 working days to validate the application + 30 working days for on-site approval inspection.</i></p>	<p>EC Directive 90/167 laying down the conditions for the preparation, placing on the market and use of medicated feeding-stuffs.</p> <p>EU Regulation (EC) No 183/2005 laying down requirements for feed hygiene</p> <p>Protects animal health, human health and the environment.</p>	<p>Veterinary Medicines Directorate</p>	<p>01932 336911</p> <p>inspections@vmd.defra.gsi.gov.uk</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterinary-medicines-directorate</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manufacturing-and-supplying-veterinary-medicines-for-animal-feed</p>

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<p>Transporter authorisation</p> <p>Animal Transport Certificates (ATC) (ATC can be covered by FHI records)</p>	<p>Welfare in Transport. The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006</p> <p>Type 1 transporter authorisation for journeys greater than 65km and up to 8 hours</p> <p>Type 2 transporter authorisation for journeys over 8 hours</p>	<p>Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)</p>	<p>See link for relevant area.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/farm-animal-welfare-during-transportation</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-for-a-united-kingdom-animal-transporter-authorisation-for-type-1-authorisations-valid-for-journeys-over-65km-and-up-to-8-hours</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/application-for-a-united-kingdom-animal-transporter-authorisation-for-type-2-authorisations-valid-for-all-journeys-including-over-8-hours</p>
<p>On Farm welfare</p>	<p>Welfare of fish on farms is required by European Council Directive 98/58/EC and is covered by The Animal Welfare Act 2006, The Aquatic Animal Health (England and Wales) Regulations 2009. Welfare at slaughter is defined in European Council Regulation No. 1099/2009 and is currently implemented in England and Wales by The Welfare of Animals (Slaughter and Killing) Regulations 1995.</p>	<p>Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)</p>	<p>See link for relevant area.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency/about/access-and-opening</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fawc-advice-on-farmed-fish-welfare</p>



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Disposal of mortalities	Disposal of fish mortalities under Council Regulation EC 1069/2009 on animal by-products. Fish which died from disease are defined as Category II material, which must be disposed of in accordance with Article 13 of EC 1069/2009.	Regulation via Local authorities	https://www.gov.uk/managing-your-waste-an-overview