

[By e-mail only]

To: Chief Port Health Officers (England)
Heads of Environmental Health Services (England)

cc: Directors of Trading Standards (England)
Heads of Service Feed Authorities (England)

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Dear Colleagues,

**UPDATED LIST OF CHINESE LABORATORIES APPROVED BY THE
CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR THE EXAMINATION OF “Bt 63” RICE AND
RICE PROCESSED PRODUCTS**

This letter is addressed to Chief Port Health Officers and Nominated Officers for Imported Food in England and Heads of Service Feed Authorities with responsibilities at points of entry only. This letter follows our previous communication regarding official Chinese control laboratories for Bt63, issued on 9 April 2008, which can be found at the following link:

<http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2008/apr/bt643>

Following an FVO mission to China in November 2008, the Chinese authorities have provided an updated list of Chinese laboratories approved to examine “Bt63” rice and rice processed products. The list is attached below as annex 1.

Contact for further information

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clair Baynton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Annex 1 – Updated List of Examination Laboratories approved by AQSIQ for the Examination of GMO Bt63 Rice and Rice Processed Products

1. Food Safety Testing Centre, Beijing Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
2. Animal & Plant & Foodstuffs Inspection Center of Tianjin Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
3. Hebei Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau Inspection and Quarantine Technical Centre
4. Qinhuangdao Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau Technical Center
5. The Inspection and Quarantine centre of Shanxi Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine
6. Inspection and Quarantine Technical Center of Liaoning Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
7. The Inspection and Quarantine Technology Center of Jilin Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
8. Heilongjiang Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau Inspection and Quarantine Technique Centre
9. Technical Center of Animal, Plant and Foodstuff Inspection and Quarantine of Shanghai Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
10. Food Laboratory, Jiangsu Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine Bureau
11. Animal and Plant Quarantine Laboratory of Zhejiang Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
12. Inspection and Quarantine Technology Center of Ningbo Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
13. Biological Branch of Technical Center of Anhui Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
14. Inspection and Quarantine Technique Center of Fujian Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
15. Inspection and Quarantine Technology Center, Xiamen Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
16. Comprehensive Technology Centre, Jiangxi Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau

17. Technical Center for Inspection & Quarantine of Shandong Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
18. Yantai Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Technology Center
19. Inspection & Quarantine Technology Center of Henan Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine Bureau
20. Technology Center Hubei Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
21. Inspection & Quarantine Technology Center of Hunan Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine Bureau
22. Inspection and Quarantine Technology of Guangdong Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
23. The Technical Center of Animal and Inspection and Quarantine, Shenzhen Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
24. Zhuhai GMO Detection Laboratory
25. Inspection and Quarantine Technology Center of Guangxi Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
26. Inspection & Quarantine Technical Center of Chongqing Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine Bureau
27. Technical Centre of Sichuan Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
28. The Inspection & Quarantine Technology Center of Yunnan Entry-Exit Inspection & Quarantine Bureau
29. Inspection and Quarantine Technique Centre of Xinjiang Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau
30. Comprehensive Test Center of CAIQ