

Reference: POAO REG 59/012

**THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS)
(ENGLAND) (NO. 4) REGULATIONS 2004 ("the Regulations")**

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 59

Whereas the Food Standards Agency has reasonable grounds to suspect the presence of


- (i) serious shortcomings as regards veterinary medicines regulation and the residue control system in live animals and animal products in China, and
- (ii) harmful residues including chloramphenicol in products of animal origin originating in China and intended for human or animal consumption;

Whereas this is liable to present a serious threat to animal and public health;

Whereas on 20 December 2002, following the identification of such shortcomings and the detection of the presence of such harmful residues the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China (OJ No. L348, 21.12.02, p. 154);

Whereas the Commission has further amended that Decision by Commission Decision 2005/573/EC amending Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China;

The Food Standards Agency declares in accordance with regulation 59 of the Regulations that with effect 26 July 2005 the importation into England from China of consignments of products of animal origin intended for human consumption or animal feed use is permitted subject to the conditions specified in Article 2 of Commission Decision 2002/994/EC as last amended by Commission Decision 2005/573/EC amending Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China.

Signed  at 1630 hrs on 25 July 2005

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- (1) Any expression used both in this declaration and Commission Decision 2002/994/EC as last amended by Commission Decision 2005/573/EC amending Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China has the meaning it bears in Decision 2002/994/EC as so amended.
- (2) Importation of products of animal origin intended for human consumption or animal feed use from China in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.