

Reference: POAO REG 61/018

**THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS)
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2006 ("the Regulations")**

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 61

Whereas the Food Standards Agency has reasonable grounds to suspect that there may be excessive levels of histamine in fishery products from Albania;

Whereas these shortcomings are liable to present a serious threat to public health;

Whereas on 4 October 2007, following a Community inspection in Albania that revealed a limited capacity of the Albanian authorities to carry out necessary checks, in particular to detect histamine in fish and fishery products, the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2007/642/EC on emergency measures applying to fishery products imported from Albania intended for human consumption (OJ No. L 260, 5.10.2007, p.21);

The Food Standards Agency declares in accordance with regulation 61 of the Regulations that with effect from 6 October 2007 the importation into England from Albania of fishery products of fish belonging to the families *Scombridae*, *Clupeidae*, *Coryfenidae*, *Pomatomidae* and *Scombrosidae* intended for human consumption is permitted subject to the conditions specified in Commission Decision 2007/642/EC on emergency measures applying to fishery products imported from Albania and intended for human consumption.

Signed by  on 5 October 2007

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For and on behalf of the Food Standards Agency

NOTES

- (1) Any expression used both in this declaration and Commission Decision 2007/642/EC on emergency measures applying to fishery products imported from Albania and intended for human consumption has the meaning it bears in that Decision.
- (2) Importation of fishery products from Albania in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.