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(England)
Directors of Trading Standards (England)
Chief Port Health Officers (England)
Cc: LACORS, TSI, CIEH, APHA, APA

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Dear Colleagues,

**UNAUTHORISED NOVEL FOOD INGREDIENT *FESTUCA ARUNDINACEA* IN
CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTS SUPPLIED BY ASPHALIA FOOD PRODUCTS LTD**

Following the letter circulated yesterday regarding Asphalia food supplements, The Food Standards Agency were contacted by Asphalia Food Products Ltd. The company has provided evidence that they have contacted their suppliers and asked for the return of supplements containing the unauthorised novel food ingredient *Festuca arundinacea*.

Products remaining on the market should be those produced from the end of January 2009 without *Festuca arundinacea*. If you identify any retail outlet still selling Asphalia supplements containing *Festuca arundinacea* the Food Business Operator should remove from sale and return to the manufacturer.

Contacts for further information are;

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Yours faithfully

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