

To: Interested Parties

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Dear Sir or Madam

**LIFTING OF VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION OF EXPORTS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS (SHRIMPS) OF AQUACULTURE ORIGIN FROM BANGLADESH**

This letter is addressed to Border Inspection Posts and Chief Port Health Officers in England only.

Further to my previous letter of 8 June 2009 (ref FIN 05/2009) concerning fresh water shrimps from Bangladesh I am writing to let you know that we have received official notification from the Commission on Friday 5 February 2010 that the Bangladeshi Competent Authority has lifted the auto-suspension for exports of fishery products of aquaculture origin made from crustaceans (shrimps) to the EU.

Therefore consignments of shrimp products of aquaculture origin from Bangladesh are permitted to be imported into the Community. This decision by the Bangladeshi authorities follows the implementation of corrective actions to address shortcomings related to the presence of illegal veterinary medicine residues.

However the Commission advise that the EU emergency measures as set out in Commission Decision 2008/630/EC are still in place. Consignments of crustaceans from Bangladesh can only enter the Community if they are accompanied by the results of an analytical test to verify that they do not contain any unauthorised substances and that the levels of veterinary medicinal products do not exceed maximum residue levels. Any consignments not accompanied by analytical test results must undergo testing at the Border Inspection Post on entry to the UK. Further information can be found in my letter of 1 August 2008 (ref FIN 15/2008).

We have drawn these matters to the attention of the UK Border Inspection Posts.



The advice contained in this letter should not be taken as an authoritative statement of the law or its interpretation. The opinion of your Home Authority or other enforcement authorities may differ. Only the courts can decide whether in particular circumstances an offence has been committed.

I hope that this is helpful but if you need any further information please let me know. The Agency's imports section on our website can be found at <http://www.food.gov.uk/imports>

Importers may also register for the Agency's on-line Guidance and Regulatory Advice on Import Legislation system (GRAIL) by following this link: <https://grail.foodapps.co.uk/grail/general/home.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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