

To: Interested Parties

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Dear Sir or Madam

**FURTHER EXTENSION TO THE SUSPENSION OF IMPORTS OF CERTAIN BIVALVE MOLLUSCS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM PERU**

Further to our letter of 21 December 2010 (ref FIN 10/2010) concerning the suspension of import of certain bivalve molluscs from Peru due to contamination with the hepatitis A virus. I am writing to advise that the Commission published Decision 2011/723/EU on 5 November 2011 which extends the application of Decision 2008/866/EC (as amended) until 30 November 2012. Please use the following link to the Decision <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2011:288:0026:0027:EN:PDF>

The protective measures being put in place by the Peruvian authorities are not yet satisfactory and therefore the suspension of these particular imports is maintained.

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>

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.

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>

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