

To: Interested Parties

23 May 2008

Reference: FIN 07/2008

Dear Sir or Madam

### **DE-LISTING OF FIJI FOR IMPORTS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS**

I am writing further to my letter to you of 14 February 2008, reference FIN 01/2008, in which I alerted you that the EU Standing Committee on Food Chain and Animal Health (SCoFCAH) was considering de-listing Fiji for the export of fishery products to the EU.

I can now inform you that Commission Regulation 439/2008 was published in the Commission's Official Journal on 22 May 2008 and removes Fiji from the List of approved countries in Annex II of Commission Regulation 2076/2005 (as amended). Commission Regulation 439/2008 comes into force on 25 May 2008.

However, you should also note that Article 2 of Commission Regulation 439/2008 allows for a transitional period for imports of fishery products produced and certified before 25 May 2008, for a period not exceeding 6 weeks from then. Please note that after this date no consignments of fishery products from Fiji will be allowed entry to the UK.

Commission Regulation 439/2008 can be accessed on the Commission's website at - [http://eur-](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:132:0016:0017:EN:PDF)

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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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