

To: Interested Parties

19 June 2008

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Dear Sir or Madam

SUSPENSION OF IMPORTS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS FROM MALAYSIA

Further to my letter of 10 June (ref FIN 08/2008) in which I notified you that a draft Decision implementing emergency measures to suspend imports of fishery products from Malaysia was due to be discussed by EU Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health on 18 June, I have now been informed of the outcome of yesterday's meeting.

The Malaysian authorities have voluntarily delisted all EU approved fishery products vessels and establishments. Imports of fishery products from Malaysia can not therefore take place from 18 June 2008. However it was agreed that consignments of fishery products from Malaysia "on the water" accompanied by valid health certificates **signed before 18 June** may be accepted into the EU, but nothing after that date.

Establishments will only be relisted by the Commission if Malaysia provides the necessary guarantees and receives a satisfactory Food and Veterinary Office report.

I will write out again once we are notified of this matter by the Commission. I will also be notifying the Border Inspection Posts of this position.

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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