

To: Interested Parties

30 June 2008

Reference: FIN 13/2008

Dear Sir or Madam

IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF ALL FISHERY PRODUCTS FROM MALAYSIA

I am writing further to my colleague Ian Grist's letter of 19 June (ref: FIN 09/2008) to advise you that the European Commission has now notified EU Member States of the outcome of the 18 June meeting of the EU Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health (SCoFCAH) at which fishery products from Malaysia were discussed.

The Commission has confirmed that the Malaysian authorities asked the Commission on 17 June 2008 to delist all Malaysian fishery establishments and freezer vessels from the EU approved list. The Malaysian authorities have also suspended the certification of fishery products intended for the EU market from **17 June 2008**. Fishery products from Malaysia cannot therefore be produced and certified for export to the EU from **17 June 2008**.

However, the import of consignments of fishery products from Malaysia produced and certified **before 17 June** may be accepted into the EU.

I will also notify UK Border Inspection Posts of this position.

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>

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.

Yours sincerely

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