

To Trade and Industry representatives

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Dear Sir/Madam

### **IMPORTS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS FROM BRAZIL**

This letter is a further update concerning the restrictions on imports of fishery products from Brazil. In our previous letter (FIN/01/06), which can be found on our 'Importing Fishery Products or Bivalve Molluscs' webpage at:

[http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/imports/want\\_to\\_import/fisheryproducts/](http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/imports/want_to_import/fisheryproducts/)

we highlighted the restrictions proposed and set down by the EU in Commission Decision 2006/698/EC.

At a SCofCAH meeting held on 8 November 2006 to discuss a possible amendment to this Decision, it was agreed that a further inspection in Brazil will be carried out in March/April 2007. To facilitate this inspection the Commission has asked Member States to continue with the current safeguard measures until 30 June 2007. This will allow for the inspection to be carried out and a full evaluation undertaken.

As you are aware, Brazil have already been voluntarily testing all consignments leaving Brazil and attaching the results of the analysis. In addition to these analyses Member States have been asked to forward to the Commission results of tests on histamine levels in imports of Brazilian fishery products that are carried out by inspection posts. In accordance with this the UK will be submitting test results on a quarterly basis.



We will notify all stakeholders should we have further information on the status of Brazilian imports of fishery products, however, if you have any questions on this letter please contact me or my colleague Mariam Aleem (Tel 0207 276 8903)

Yours sincerely

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