

Reference: POAO Reg 61/021

**THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS)  
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2006 ("the Regulations")**

**DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 61**

Whereas the Food Standards Agency considers that there are serious shortcomings regarding the capacity of the Gabonese authorities to take corrective action when high levels of heavy metals and sulphites occur in certain fishery products;

Whereas the Food Standards Agency has reasonable grounds to suspect that this is likely to constitute a serious risk to public health;

Whereas on 25 June 2008 the European Commission adopted Commission Regulation (EC) 601/2008 on protective measures applying to certain fishery products imported from Gabon and intended for human consumption (OJ No. L 165, 26.6.2008, p.3);

**The Food Standards Agency declares** in accordance with regulation 61 of the Regulations that with effect from 3 July 2008 the introduction into England of the products originating from Gabon referred to in Article 1 of Commission Regulation (EC) 601/2008 is permitted subject to the conditions specified in Articles 2(1) and 4 of that Regulation.

Signed by CE Baynton on 2 JULY.....2008

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For and on behalf of the Food Standards Agency

**NOTES**

- (1) Any expression used both in this declaration and Commission Regulation (EC) 601/2008 on protective measures applying to certain fishery products imported from Gabon and intended for human consumption has the meaning it bears in that Regulation.
- (2) Introduction of products originating from Gabon in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.