

Reference: POAO REG 61/022

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

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 61

Whereas the Food Standards Agency has reasonable grounds to suspect that there are serious shortcomings as regards the residue control system in live animals and animal products and a lack of appropriate laboratory capacity for the testing of certain residues of veterinary medicinal products in live animals and animal products in Bangladesh and has reasonable grounds to suspect the presence of residues of veterinary medicinal products and unauthorised substances in crustaceans imported from Bangladesh and intended for human consumption;

Whereas this is likely to constitute a serious risk to public health;

Whereas on 24 July 2008, following the identification of such shortcomings and the detection of the presence of residues, the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2008/630/EC on emergency measures applicable to crustaceans imported from Bangladesh and intended for human consumption (OJ No. L205, 1.8.2008, p.49);

The Food Standards Agency declares in accordance with regulation 61 of the Regulations

With effect from 2 August 2008, the introduction into England of consignments of crustaceans imported from Bangladesh and intended for human consumption is permitted, subject to the conditions specified in Articles 2, 3 and 5 of Commission Decision 2008/630/EC on emergency measures applicable to crustaceans imported from Bangladesh and intended for human consumption.

Signed by... S. Appleby ... on 1 AUGUST ... 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 Decision 2008/630/EC has the meaning it bears in that Decision.
- (2) The word 'crustaceans', when used in this declaration has the same meaning as the word 'crustaceous' when that word is used in Commission Decision 2008/630/EC.
- (2) Importation of products of animal origin intended for human consumption from Bangladesh in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.