

Reference: POAO REG 61/024

**THE 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 -

- (i) the presence of heavy metals in fishery products imported from Indonesia and intended for human consumption; and
- (ii) serious shortcomings in Indonesia as regards the capacity of the Indonesian authorities to carry out reliable checks of fish;


Whereas this is liable to present a serious threat to public health;

Whereas on 21 March 2006, following the detection of the presence of histamine and heavy metals and the identification of shortcomings as regards hygiene in the handling of fishery products and as regards the capacity of the Indonesian authorities to carry out reliable checks of fish, the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2006/236/EC on special conditions governing fishery products imported from Indonesia and intended for human consumption (OJ No. L83, 22.3.2006, p.16);

Whereas on 31 July 2008 the Commission of the European Communities amended that Decision by Commission Decision 2008/660/EC amending Decision 2006/236/EC on special conditions governing fishery products imported from Indonesia and intended for human consumption (OJ No. L21, 12.8.2008, p.6);

The Food Standards Agency declares in accordance with regulation 61 of the Regulations that with effect from 16 August 2008 the introduction into England from Indonesia of fishery products, other than aquaculture products, intended for human consumption is permitted subject to the conditions specified in Articles 2, 3 and 4 of Commission Decision 2006/236/EC as amended by Commission Decision 2008/660/EC amending Decision 2006/236/EC on special conditions governing fishery products imported from Indonesia and intended for human consumption.

Declaration POAO REG 59/014 is revoked with effect from 16 August 2008.

Signed by  on 15th August 2008

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- (1) Any expression used both in this declaration and Commission Decision 2006/236/EC as amended by Commission Decision 2008/660/EC amending Decision 2006/236/EC on special conditions governing fishery products imported from Indonesia and intended for human consumption has the meaning it bears in Decision 2006/236/EC as so amended.
- (2) Importation of fishery products from Indonesia in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.

