

Reference: POAO REG 61/027

**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 that there is a viral contamination of the water of the production areas for bivalve molluscs in Peru.

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

Whereas the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision of 12 November 2008 on emergency measures suspending imports from Peru of certain bivalve molluscs intended for human consumption ('the Commission Decision');

The Food Standards Agency declares in accordance with regulation 61 of the Regulations that with effect from ~~17:00~~ 17:00 hours on 17 November 2008 the importation into England from Peru of molluscs intended for human consumption is prohibited subject to the conditions specified in Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the Commission Decision.

This Declaration ceases to have effect on 1 April 2009.

Signed by Alison Gleade at 16:30 hours on 17 NOVEMBER 2008

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For and on behalf of the Food Standards Agency

NOTES

- (1) Any expression used both in this declaration and the Commission Decision of 12 November 2008 on emergency measures suspending imports from Peru of certain bivalve molluscs intended for human consumption has the meaning it bears in that Decision.
- (2) Importation of bivalve molluscs from Peru in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.