

**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 in India and that nitrofurans and their metabolites are present in crustaceans of aquaculture origin imported from India and intended for human consumption or animal feed;

Whereas the presence of nitrofurans and their metabolites in crustaceans of aquaculture origin intended for human consumption is likely to present a serious risk to public health;

Whereas on 30 September 2009, following the identification of such shortcomings and the detection of the presence of nitrofurans and their metabolites in crustaceans of aquaculture origin imported from India and intended for human consumption or animal feed, the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2009/727/EC on emergency measures applicable to crustaceans imported from India and intended for human consumption or animal feed (OJ No. L258, 1.10.2009, p.31) ("the Commission Decision");

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

With effect from 1600 on 2 October 2009, the bringing into England of consignments of crustaceans of aquaculture origin from India and intended for human consumption or animal feed is permitted subject to the conditions specified in Articles 2, 3, 4.2 and 5 of the Commission Decision.

Signed by Alison Gleade at 15:45 on 2 October2009

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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 has the meaning it bears in that Decision.
- (2) Bringing consignments of crustaceans of aquaculture origin intended for human consumption or animal feed into England from India is an offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.