

Reference: POAO REG 61/017

**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 serious hygiene shortcomings throughout the production chain of fishery products in the Republic of Guinea;

Whereas these shortcomings are liable to present a serious threat to public health which is exacerbated by a lack of proper sanitary controls by the competent authorities in the Republic of Guinea;

Whereas on 2 February 2007, following a Community inspection in Guinea that revealed serious hygiene shortcomings throughout the production chain of fishery products and a lack of proper sanitary controls by the competent authorities in the Republic of Guinea, the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2007/82/EC on emergency measures suspending imports from the Republic of Guinea of fishery products intended for human consumption (OJ No. L 28, 3.2.2007, p.25);

The Food Standards Agency declares in accordance with regulation 61 of the Regulations that with effect from 7 February 2007 the importation into England from Guinea of fishery products originating from the Republic of Guinea intended for human consumption is prohibited.

Signed by  on 6 February 2007

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For and on behalf of the Food Standards Agency

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NOTES

- (1) Any expression used both in this declaration and Commission Decision 2007/82/EC on emergency measures suspending imports from the Republic of Guinea of fishery intended for human consumption has the meaning it bears in that Decision.
- (2) Importation of fishery products from Guinea in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.