

Reference: OFFC/2006/02

**THE OFFICIAL FEED AND FOOD CONTROLS (WALES) REGULATIONS
2006 (S.I. NO. 590 (W.66)) ("the Regulations")**

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 33

Whereas the Food Standards Agency has reasonable grounds to suspect the presence of genetically modified rice LL RICE 601 that is not authorised under Community legislation in certain rice products imported from the United States of America;

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

Whereas on 23 August 2006 the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2006/578/EC on emergency measures regarding the non-authorised genetically modified organism LL RICE 601 in rice products (OJ No. L230, 24.08.2006, p.8);

The Food Standards Agency declares in accordance with regulation 33 of the Regulations that with effect from 26 August 2006 the introduction into Wales of the products referred to in Article 1 of Commission Decision 2006/578/EC is permitted subject to the conditions specified in Articles 2 and 5 of that Decision.

Signed by J.M.D.A. on 25 August 2006

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For and on behalf of the Food Standards Agency Wales

NOTES

- (1) Any expression used both in this declaration and Commission Decision 2006/578/EC on emergency measures regarding the non-authorised genetically modified organism LL RICE 601 in rice products has the meaning it bears in that Decision.
- (2) Importation of products from the United States of America in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.