

Heads of Service Enforcement and
Chief Port Health Officers Responsible for Feed
Law (England) - for information

cc: APHA
CIEH
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APA
Trading Standards Institute
Health Protection Agency

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Dear Colleague,

MELAMINE CONTAMINATION OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS FROM CHINA – NEW DECLARATIONS

This letter is addressed to those authorities responsible for official controls on imported feed in England only. A similar letter is being sent to authorities with responsibilities for official controls on the import of food.

Further to my previous letter of 12 December 2008 about this issue (reference ENF/E/08/079/AF), I am writing to advise you that the Declarations (attached separately to this letter) which implement Commission Decision 2008/798/EC (as amended by Decision 2008/921/EC) concerning melamine in certain products from China, have been replaced. The reason for this change is to clarify that the references in the Declarations to Articles 2.2, 2.6 and 2.7, relate to Commission Decision 2008/798/EC as amended by Decision 2008/921/EC, and not to Commission Decision 2008/921/EC.

Decision 2008/798/EC as amended by Decision 2008/921/EC is now implemented by means of Declaration OFFC REG 2008/E/007 and, for products of animal origin, by Declaration POAO REG 61/029. Declarations OFFC REG 2008/E/006 and POAO REG 61/028 have been revoked.

The advice contained in this letter should not be taken as an authoritative statement of the law or its interpretation. Only the courts can decide whether in particular circumstances an offence has been committed.



If you need any further information please let me know.
The Agency's animal feed section can be accessed from its website at:
<http://www.food.gov.uk/foodindustry/farmingfood/animalfeed/>

Yours sincerely

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