

Reference: POAO REG 59/009

**THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2003 ("the Regulations")**

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 59

Whereas the Food Standards Agency has reasonable grounds to suspect the presence of cholera in bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in any form as well as live fish and shellfish carried in water, originating in or coming from Albania;

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

Whereas on 20 September 1994, following the finding of cases of cholera in Albania the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 94/621/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to fishery products and bivalve molluscs originating in and coming from Albania (OJ No. L246, 21.9.1994, p.25);

Whereas the Commission has repealed that Decision and re-enacted its provisions in the interests of clarity in Commission Decision 2004/225/EC on protective measures with regard to certain live animals and animal products originating in or coming from Albania (OJ No. L68, 6.3.2004, p.34);

The Food Standards Agency declares in accordance with regulation 59 of the Regulations that with effect from 16 March 2004 the importation into England of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in any form as well as live fish and shellfish carried in water, originating in or coming from Albania is prohibited.

Declaration POAO/REG 59/005 in respect of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in any form as well as live fish carried in water originating in or coming from Albania is revoked.

Signed Judith Hilton at 11.55 hrs on 15 MARCH 2004

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For and on behalf of the Food Standards Agency

NOTES

- (1) Any expression used both in this declaration and Commission Decision 2004/225/EC has the meaning it bears in Decision 2004/225/EC.
- (2) Importation of bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods in any form as well as live fish and shellfish carried in water,

originating in or coming from Albania in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.