

Reference POAO REGS 2003 59/001

**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 nitrofurans in poultrymeat and shrimps imported from Thailand and intended for human consumption;

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

Whereas on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2002 following the detection of nitrofurans in poultrymeat and shrimps intended for human consumption and imported from Thailand the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2002/251/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to poultrymeat and certain fishery and aquaculture products intended for human consumption and imported from Thailand (OJ No. L84, 28.3.2002, p.77);

Whereas the Commission has amended that Decision, most recently by Commission Decision 2003/895/EC (OJ No. L 333, 20.12.2003, p.92);

**The Food Standards Agency** declares in accordance with regulation 59 of the Regulations that with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003 the importation into England from Thailand of all consignments of poultrymeat and shrimps that are accompanied by a health certificate issued before 21<sup>st</sup> September 2002 is permitted subject in all cases to the conditions specified in Article 2 of Commission Decision 2002/251/EC as last amended by Commission Decision 2003/895/EC.

Signed N. Tomlinson at 11.45 hours on 23.12.2003

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NOTES

- (1) Any expression used both in this declaration and in Commission Decision 2002/251/EC as last amended by Commission Decision 2003/895/EC has the meaning it bears in that Decision as so amended.
- (2) Importation of poultrymeat and shrimps from Thailand in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.