

Reference: POAO/NI/2008/001

THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2007 (S.R. 2007/199) (“the Regulations”)

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 61

Whereas the Food Standards Agency has reasonable grounds to suspect the presence of pentachlorophenol and dioxins in guar gum originating in or consigned from India;

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

Whereas on 29 April 2008 the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2008/352/EC imposing special conditions governing guar gum originating in or consigned from India due to contamination risks of those products by pentachlorophenol and dioxins (OJ No. L 117, 1.5.2008, p.42);

The Food Standards Agency declares in accordance with regulation 61 of the Regulations that with effect from 5 May 2008 the introduction into Northern Ireland of the products referred to in Article 1 of Commission Decision 2008/352/EC is permitted subject to the conditions specified in Articles 2 to 7 of that Decision.

J Ross 6th May 2008

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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 2008/352/EC imposing special conditions governing guar gum originating in or consigned from India due to contamination risks of those products by pentachlorophenol and dioxins has the meaning it bears in that Decision.
- (2) Introduction of products originating in or consigned from India in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.