DESIGNATED BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

EFFECTIVE FROM 3 MARCH 2004
Updated on the 5 July 2005

PRODUCTION AREA	BED NAME	SPECIES[a]	CLASS	EXPLANATORY NOTE[b]
Holy Island	Ross Links - R9	*C. gigas*	B	
	Ross Links - A	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
Humber	Wonderland	*C. edule*	B	
	Horseshoe Point	*C. edule*	B	
The Wash – Boston	Toft Lays	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Gat Sand	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Maretail	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Welland Wall	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Witham Bank	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Friskney	*C. edule*	B	
	Butterwick	*C. edule*	B	
	Wrangle	*C. edule*	B	1
The Wash – Kings Lynn	Daseleys,	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Hunstanton	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Stylemans	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Thief	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Pandora	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Scotsman's Sled	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1 & 4
	Nene	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Heacham	*C. edule*	B	
Brancaster	Brancaster	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Brancaster	*C. edule*	B	
	Brancaster	*C. gigas*	A	
	Burnham Overy Staithe	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Thornham	*C.Gigas*	B	
Blakeney	Simpool	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Stiffkey	*C. edule*	B/C	*To be graded as seasonal class B from 1 December to 30 April (reverting to class C at all other times).*
	Morston Strand	*C. gigas*	B	1
	Freshes Creek	*C. gigas*	B	1
Blyth	Blythburgh	*C. gigas*	B	1

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River Alde	Home Reach	*C. gigas*	B	
	Westrow Reach	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Martello Tower	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	South Westrow	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
Butley	Creek	*C. gigas*	B	
	Creek	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
Stour (Suffolk)	Gallisters Creek	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
Walton Backwater	Twizzle, Kirby Creek and Mill Lane	*C. gigas* & *Ostrea edulis*	B	Seasonal classification – 1 September to 31 March inclusive[c]
Colne	Pyefleet Spit	*C. gigas*	B	
	Pyefleet Channel	*C. edule*	C	
	Brightlingsea	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	Brightlingsea	*C. gigas*	B	
West Mersea	Strood Channel	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Strood Channel	*C. gigas*	B	4
	The Nothe	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Freeground	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Tollesbury South	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Tollesbury North	*Ostrea edulis*	A	Seasonal classification 1 December to 30 June (reverts to B at all other times) [c]
	Salcott	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Salcott	*C. gigas*	B	
	Little Ditch	*C. gigas*	B	
Blackwater	Goldhanger	*C. gigas*	B	
	Thirslet Creek	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Bench Head	*Ostrea edulis*	B	4
	St Peters Flats	*Ostrea edulis*	B	4
	Batchelor Spit	*Ostrea edulis*	B	4
	Buxey Sands	*C. edule*	B	
	Dengie Flats	*C. edule*	A	4
	Ray Sands	*C. edule*	A	4
	The Nass	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
Crouch	All beds	*Ostrea edulis*	B	

	Althorne Creek	*M.edulis*	B	1

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Roach	Paglesham Pool	*C. gigas*	A	Seasonal classification – 1 June to 31 August inclusive (reverts to B at al other times) [c]
	Paglesham Pool	*T. philippinarum*	B	
	Paglesham Reach	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Paglesham Reach	*C. gigas*	B	
	Quay Reach	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Dunhopes	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Dunhopes	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Pond Lays	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Pond Lays	*M. mercenaria*	B	
	Middleway	*C. gigas*	B	
	Devils Reach	*C. gigas*	B	
	Blackledge	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
Thames Estuary	Mid and NE Maplin Sands	*C. edule*	B	6
	Foulness Sands	*C. edule*	B	6
	Leigh Foreshore	*C. edule*	C	
	Leigh Foreshore	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
	Chapman Sands	*C. edule*	C	6
	Chapman Sands	*Mytilus edulis*	C	6
	Southend Flats	*Mytilus edulis*	C	6
	Southend Flats	*C. edule*	C	6
	Phoenix	*C. edule*	B	
	East Shoebury Beacon	*C. edule*	B	
	Scrapsgate	*C. edule*	B	
	Yantlet Flats	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Grain	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Sheppey	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
Swale	Swale River: Bed 1	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Bed 2	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Bed 4	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Bed 4	*C. gigas*	B	
	Bed 6	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Bed 6	*C. edule*	B	
	Bed 7	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Bed 7	*C. edule*	B	
	Bed 8	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Bed 8	*C. edule*	B	

PRODUCTION AREA	BED NAME	SPECIES[a]	CLASS	EXPLANATORY NOTE[b]
North Kent Coast	The South Oaze	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Whitstable	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Herne Hampton	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Beltinge Bay	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Herne	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Reculver	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Swalecliffe	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Pollard Pollard	*C. gigas* *T. philippinarum*	B B	
	Pollard	*C. edule*	B	
	East Last Bank,	*Ostrea edulis*	B	1
	East Last Bank	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Clite Hole	*Ostrea edulis*	B	1
	Clite Hole	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	The Street	*Ostrea edulis*	B	1
	The Street	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Kentish Flats	*Ostrea edulis*	A	
	Kentish Flats	*C. edule*	B	
	North of Hook	*C. edule*	B	
	South of Hook	*C. edule*	B	
	Margate Sands	*C. edule*	B	
	Minnis Bay	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
Stour Estuary	Pegwell Bay	*C. edule*	B	
Chichester Harbour	Chichester Channel	*Ostrea edulis*	B	4
	All other beds (except Birdham Spit)	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
Langstone Harbour	Broom Channel,	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Sinah Lake	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Main Channel	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Main Channel	*M.mercenaria*	B	
Portsmouth Harbour	All beds	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	All beds	*M.mercenaria*	B	
Southampton Water	All beds	Ostrea edulis	B	
	All beds	*M.mercenaria*	B	
	Dibden Bay	*c.edule*	*C*	*1*

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Solent	Ryde Middle Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Kings Quay	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	The Butts	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Lee-on-Solent	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Hill Head	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Brambles Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Lepe	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	East Sowley	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Sowley	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Peel Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Stanswood Bay	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Pennington Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Mother Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	West Ryde Middle	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Saltmead Ledge	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Newtown Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	East Ryde Middle	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Ryde	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Stokes Bay	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	SW of Gilkicker	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Thorness	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Osborne Bay	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Spit Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Lymington Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	5
	Yarmouth East	*Ostrea edulis*	A	
	Yarmouth West	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Hill Head	*M. mercenaria*	B	
	Stokes Bay	*M. mercenaria*	B	
	The Butts	*M. mercenaria*	B	
	Lee-on-Solent	*M. mercenaria*	B	
Medina	Wharf	*Ostrea edulis*	C	4
Newtown	River mouth	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Western Haven	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Clamerkin Creek	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Clamerkin Creek	*M. mercenaria*	C	
Totland Bay		*Ostrea edulis*	B	
Beaulieu	Needs Ore	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Bucklers Hard	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
Lymington River	All beds below Railway Bridge	*Ostrea edulis*	C	5

PRODUCTION	BED NAME[b]	SPECIES[c]	CLASS	EXPLANATORY

AREA[a]				NOTE[d]
Keyhaven	Keyhaven River: Hawkers	*Ostrea edulis*	B	5
	Anchorage	*Ostrea edulis*	B	

Poole	Harbour (except Wareham Channel and Hamworthy)	*C. gigas, Ostrea edulis, Mytilus edulis, C. edule, T. philippinarum*	B	
	Hamworthy	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	West Brownsea	*T. decussatus*	B	
	Wareham Channel (East)	*T. philippinarum*	C	
	Wareham Channel (West)	*T. philippinarum*	C	
	Poole Bay	*Ostrea edulis*	B	1
		Spisula solida	B	1
		Ensis spp	B	1

Portland	Harbour – Several Order (other than E2)	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Harbour	*P. maximus*	A	Seasonal classification 1 April to 30 September (reverts to class B at all other times) [c]
	Harbour – Eastern Breakwater mussel lines	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Weymouth Roads	*Enisis spp*	B	1
	Fleet – Bed F1	*C. gigas*	B	

Exe	All western beds - Powderham	*C. gigas*	A	
	All western beds	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Exmouth(Beacon)	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Sowden End	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1

Teign	Gas Works Bank	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Gas Works Bank	*C. gigas*	B	
	Devon Valley	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Arch Brook	*C. gigas*	B	
	Gappa Bank	*Mytilus edulis*	C	1
	The Ponds	*C. gigas*	B	1

Brixham	Fishcombe Cove	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

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Dart	Waddeton	*C. gigas*	B	4
	Waddeton	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Flat Owers	*C. gigas*	B	
	Flat Owers	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
	Sandridge Boathouse	*C. gigas*	B	
	Sandridge Boathouse	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
Bigbury and Avon	West Bank	*C. gigas*	B	
	West Bank	*Mytilus edulis*	C	4
	East Bank	*C. gigas*	B	
	East Bank	*Mytilus edulis*	C	4
	South Hexdown	*C. gigas*	B	
	South Hexdown	*Mytilus edulis*	C	4
Start Bay	Torcross	*S. solida*	B	
Salcombe	Geese Quarries	*C. gigas*	B	
	Geese Quarries	*Mytilus edulis*	C	1
Yealm	Fox Cove	*C. gigas*	B	
	Fox Cove	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
	Thorn	*C. gigas*	B	
Plymouth	Lynher: East of Ajax	*Ostrea edulis*	C	
	East of Ajax	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Shillingham	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
	Tamar:			
	Henn Point	*Ostrea edulis*	C	4
	Henn Point	*Mytilus edulis*	C	4
Fowey	Pont Pill	*C. gigas*	B	
	Pont Pill	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Pont Pill	*C. edule*	C	
	Pont Pill	*T. philippinarum*	C	
	Wisemans	*C. gigas*	B	
	Wisemans	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
Truro River	Grimes Bar	*Ostrea edulis*	B	1 & 4
	Maggoty Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	4
	Tregothnan	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	Calenick Creek	*Mytilus edulis*	C	

	Lambe Creek	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
	Malpas	*Mytilus edulis*	C	

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Tresillian River	All beds	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

Fal	Ruan Creek	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	South Wood	*Mytilus edulis*	B	Seasonal classification 1 April to 31 October (reverts to class C at all other times)
	Mylor Creek	*Mytilus edulis*	B	Seasonal classification 1 May to 30 September (reverts to class C at all other times)
	Flushing	*Ostrea edulis*	C	
	Falmouth Wharves	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Meads	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Mylor Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	4
	Turnware Bar	*Ostrea edulis*	B	4
	Tolverne	*Ostrea edulis*	B	4
	All other beds	*Ostrea edulis*	B	

Percuil	All beds	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	All beds	*C. gigas*	B	

Helford	Groyne Point	*Ostrea edulis*	C	
	All other beds	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	All beds	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

St Ives Bay	The Cleaders	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Godrevy Rocks	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Magow Rocks	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Gillick Rock	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Ceres Rock	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Wacky's Cave	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Porthminster Point	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

Camel	Gentle Jane	*C. gigas*	C	
	Porthilley	*C. gigas*	B	
	Longlands	*C. gigas*	B	
	Rock	*C. gigas*	B	
	Gentle Jane	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Town Bar	*C. edule*	B	

	Little Petherick Creek	*C. edule*	B	
	Trebetherick Rocks	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

Taw/Torridge	Pulley Ridge	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Spratt Ridge	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Lifeboat Slipway	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Neck Gut	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Zeta Berth	*C. gigas*	B	
	All other beds except Coolstone & Power Station Yelland	*Mytilus edulis*	C	

PRODUCTION AREA	**BED NAME**	**SPECIES[a]**	**CLASS**	**EXPLANATORY NOTE[b]**
Swansea Bay	Southern beds	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

Burry Inlet	Northside: Penrhyn Gwyn	*C. edule*	B	4
	Burry Port	*C. edule*	B	4
	Machynys	*C. edule*	B	4
	All other northside beds	*C. edule*	B	
	Pwll	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
	Southside: All beds except South East 4 and Dalton's Point	*C. edule*	B	
	South East 4	*C. edule*	C	
	Daltons Point	*C. edule*	C	
	Whiteford Point	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

Three Rivers	St Ishmaels	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Ferryside	*C. edule*	C	
	Wharley Point	*C. edule*	B	
	Ginst Point	*C. edule*	B	

Milford Haven	Cleddau River: All beds above Cleddau Bridge except Sprinkle Pill Spit	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
	Sprinkle Pill Spit	*Ostrea edulis*	B	1 & 4
	Jenkins Point	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	Mount Pleasant	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Angle Bay	*C. edule*	B	1
	Pembroke River	*C.edule*	B	1

Dovey	Aberdyfi Slipway	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

	Coed y Gofer	*C. edule*	B	
	Picnic Island	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

Mawddach	Aberamffra	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Crescent	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

Glaslyn/Dwyryd Estuary	Dwyryd Estuary: All beds	*C. edule*	C	
	Porthmadog	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1 & 4

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Menai Strait – West	Traeth Melynog	*C. edule*	B	1
	Barras	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Barras	*C. gigas*	B	1
	Llanidan	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Abermenai	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Llanfairisgaer	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
Menai Strait - East	Bangor (areas 1, 2 and 5), Gannet (area 3), Gallows Point (area 4), Horseshoe off Beaumaris (area 6)	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Traeth Lafan	*C. edule*	B	
Anglesey – Malltraeth Bay	All beds	*C. edule*	B	1
Anglesey – Red Wharf Bay	All beds	*C. edule*	B	1
	Y Swnt	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
Conwy	Conwy Estuary: Green Island and Gamlwys	*Mytilus edulis*	B	Seasonal classification 1 October to 30 April inclusive – reverts to class C at all other times[c]
	Conwy Estuary: The Scabs	*Mytilus edulis*	B	Seasonal classification 1 October to 30 April inclusive – reverts to class C at all other times[c]
	Cae Conwy	*Mytilus edulis*	B	Season as above with note 4[c]
	Deganwy Dock	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
	Morfa	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
	Conwy River: Conwy Bridge and Benarth	*Mytilus edulis*	B	Seasonal classification 1 November to 30

				April inclusive – reverts to class C at all other times with note 4[c]
	Llandudno Pier	*Mytilus edulis*	B	

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Colwyn Bay	Rhos	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Llandulas	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
Dee	Eastern beds	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	West Kirby	*C. edule*	B	
	Mostyn/Talacre	*C. edule*	B	
	Salisbury Middle	*C. edule*	B	
	Thurstaston	*C. edule*	C	1
Liverpool Bay	North Wirral: Moreton/Leasowe	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Moels and Hoylake	*C. edule*	B	
Ribble	Southern Beds	*C. edule*	C	
	Northern Beds	*C. edule*	C	1
	All beds	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
Lune	North Wharf	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	Kings Scar	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	Perch Scar,	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	Wyre End Scar	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	Rossall Point	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	The Neckings	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	Sea Centre	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
	Knott Spit	*Mytilus edulis*	C	
	Marine Beach	*C. edule*	B	
	Sunderland Bank	*C. edule*	B	
	Cockerham Sands	*C. edule*	B	
Morecambe Bay – East	Bare Ayre	*Mytilus edulis*	B	4
	Reap Skeer	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Old Skeer	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Heysham Flat Skeer	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Red Bank	*C. edule*	B	
	Wharton Sands	*C. edule*	B	1

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Morecambe Bay – Roosebeck	Roosebeck bed 1	*C. gigas*	B	
	Foulney Twist	*Mytilus edulis*	B	1
	Point of Comfort	*C. edule*	C	4
	Flookburgh	*C. edule*	B	Seasonal classification – 1 May to 31 October inclusive (reverts to C at all other times) [c]
Morecambe Bay - Barrow	North Walney Channel: Lowsey Point	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Cocken Tunnel	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Jubilee Bridge	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	South Walney Channel: Head Scar	*C. edule*	B	
	Head Scar	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Sheep Island	*C. edule*	B	
	Sheep Island	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Roa Island	*C. edule*	B	
	Roa Island	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Rampside Flats	*C. edule*	C	
Ravenglass		*Mytilus edulis*	C	
Silloth	Skinburness	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Beckfoot	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Dubmill Point	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Mawbray	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Lees Scar	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
	Beckfoot Flatts	*C. edule*	B	4
Solway	Cardurnock Flatts	*C. edule*	B	
	Moricambe Bay	*C. edule*	B	

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Wash – Kings Lynn	Breast Sand	*C. edule*	C	7
Portland	Weymouth Roads Central	*Ensis* spp	B	7
Camel	Pinkson Creek	*Mytilus edulis*	C	2
Swansea Bay	Crymlyn Burrows	*C. edule*	C	2
Swansea Bay	Swansea Bank	*Ostrea edulis*	B	2
Mawddach	Mawddach	*C. edule*	B	2

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

a. All the areas listed are designated for species that may be harvested as well as the classification of the shellfish waters. If other species than those listed are present then advice should be sought from the contact points listed on the letter to this Annex prior to any harvesting. The various species designated in the listing are as follows:

Cerastoderma edule = Common edible cockle
Mytilus edulis = Blue mussel
Ostrea edulis = Native or Flat Oyster
Crassostrea gigas = Pacific Oyster
Mercenaria mercenaria = Hard clam
Spisula solida = Thick trough shell
Tapes philippinarum = Manila clam
Ensis spp = Razor clams
Pecten maximus = Great or King scallop
Mya spp = Gapers
Tapes decussatus = Palourde, native clam or carpet shell clam

b. The numbers in the "Explanatory note" column indicate that additional information needs to be considered in relation to the classification status of an area.

1 Classification is provisional due to insufficient sample results, either in number or period of time covered;

2 Temporarily declassified because bed is not commercially active and a reduced rate of monitoring has been agreed with the Local Authority.

3 Insufficient sample results to fully assess impact of changes in water quality, e.g. new sewerage and sewage treatment schemes, tourism factors etc;

4 Area classified at higher level, but showing marginal compliance;

5 Area classified at higher level as there is evidence that exceptional factors may have affected the sampling results (e.g. sewage treatment works failure; greater than 1 in 5 year rainfall event etc)

6 Area classified at lower level due to enforcement issues.

7 Bed believed to be of commercial interest but declassified because an insufficient number of samples were received covering the review year.

c. A ‘Seasonal classification’ may be considered when sample results indicate a clear and consistent period when the shellfish are of a quality to be harvested compared to the rest of the year. The period for which the seasonal classification applies is indicated.

The classification of bivalve mollusc production areas is based solely on bacteriological (*E.coli*) criteria. All bivalve molluscs intended for immediate human consumption need to comply with the end product standard requirements, as specified in Schedule 5 of the Food Safety (Fishery Products and Live Shellfish) (Hygiene) Regulations 1998.

DESIGNATED PROHIBITED AREAS FOR BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION IN ENGLAND AND WALES

EFFECTIVE FROM 26 SEPTEMBER 2003

Shellfish from the areas listed below must not be harvested or subject to production.

PRODUCTION AREA	BED NAME
Chichester Harbour	Birdham Spit
Plymouth	Plym – All beds
Plymouth	Tamar – all beds above Henn Point
Taw/Torridge	Coolstone and Power Station – Yelland
Milford Haven	All beds below Cleddau Bridge
Liverpool Bay	Mersey (Wallasey)
Lune	Plover Scar
North Kent Coast	Minnis Bay cockles

DESIGNATED RELAYING AREAS FOR BIVALVE MOLLUSCS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

EFFECTIVE FROM 26 SEPTEMBER 2003

MAIN AREA	RELAY AREA	SPECIES SAMPLED	CLASS	COMMENT
Poole	South Deep	*Ostrea edulis*	B	
Yealm	Thorn	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
Fowey	Pont Pill	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
Helford	Rosehill	*Mytilus edulis*	B	
West Mersea	Little Ditch	*Ostrea edulis*	B	