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STUDY PLAN 10/2018

Official Control Services for Shellfish Chemical Contaminants 2018

Results included overleaf.

Abnormalities or departures from standard conditions: None.

Remarks: None.

Sample condition: Acceptable.

Method used:	PAHs	SOP 147
	Heavy Metals	SOP 33, 39, 41, 163

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Table 1: Sample information.

Three individual samples per site were collected and combined to make a composite sample for all analyses.

Lab Number	Site name/Production Area	Site Identification Ref (SIR)	Species collected	Sample Date	Date sample received
201800698	Middlebank, Belfast Lough	B1 AFFNI 55	Mussels	22/01/2018	22/01/2018
201800733	Shingle Bay, Larne Lough	L3 AFFNI 88	Oysters	23/01/2018	23/01/2018
201801107	Fair Green, Carlingford Lough	C11 AFFNI 84	Oysters	29/01/2018	30/01/2018
201801112	Ballyedmond, Carlingford Lough	C7 AFFNI 73	Oysters	29/01/2018	30/01/2018
201801113	Narrow Water, Carlingford Lough	NW -Wild Fishery	Mussels	29/01/2018	30/01/2018
201801662	Paddy's Point, Strangford Lough	S7 AFFNI 76	Oysters	19/02/2018	19/02/2018
201801830	Killough Harbour, Killough	K1 AFFNI 18	Oysters	21/02/2018	21/02/2018



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PART 1: PAHs

Table 2: The following PAHs were actively sought (reporting limit 0.5 µg/kg).

PAHs
Naphthalene
Phenanthrene
Anthracene
Fluoranthene
Pyrene
7H-Benzo(c)Fluorene
Benzo(a)Anthracene
Cyclopenta(c,d)Pyrene
Chrysene
5-Methylchrysene
Benzo(b)Fluroanthene
Benzo(k)Fluroanthene
Benzo(j)Fluroanthene
Benzo(a)Pyrene
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)Pyrene
Dibenzo(a,h)Anthracene
Benzo(g,h,i)Perylene
Dibenzo(a,l)Pyrene
Dibenzo(a,e)Pyrene
Dibenzo(a,i)Pyrene
Dibenzo(a,h)Pyrene



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Table 3: PAH results in $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ on a fresh (wet) weight basis

lab number	EFSA 4	Naphthalene	Phenanthrene	Anthracene	Fluoranthene	Pyrene	7H-Benzo (c) Fluorene	Benzo (a) Anthracene	Cyclopenta (c,d) Pyrene	Chrysene	5 Methyl Chrysene	Benzo (b) Fluoranthene	Benzo (k) Fluoranthene	Benzo (j) Fluoranthene	Benzo (a) Pyrene	Indeno (123,cd) Pyrene	Dibenzo (a,h) Anthracene	Benzo (ghi) Perylene	Dibenzo (a,i) Pyrene	Dibenzo (a,e) Pyrene	Dibenzo (a,i) Pyrene	Dibenzo (a,h) Pyrene	
201800698	14.6	<0.50	6.5	2.1	10.2	13.1	<0.50	4.0	<0.50	3.4	<0.50	4.8	2.8	2.2	2.3	1.4	<0.50	2.9	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50
201800733	16.3	0.56	10.8	0.50	19.3	16.1	<0.50	4.1	<0.50	4.8	<0.50	6.0	2.9	2.0	1.5	0.52	<0.50	0.95	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50
201801107	18.0	<0.50	11.2	0.93	22.5	16.3	<0.50	3.7	<0.50	5.3	<0.50	7.3	4.0	2.3	1.8	0.90	<0.50	1.7	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50
201801112	23.1	0.55	17.7	1.6	30.1	22.8	<0.50	4.8	<0.50	5.2	<0.50	10.7	4.4	3.3	2.4	1.2	<0.50	1.8	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50
201801113	26.4	<0.50	41.6	4.2	55.1	39.9	<0.50	8.0	<0.50	6.1	<0.50	9.4	4.5	4.0	2.9	2.0	<0.50	3.6	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50

Table 3 continued: PAH results in µg/kg on a fresh (wet) weight basis

lab number	EFSA 4	Naphthalene	Phenanthrene	Anthracene	Fluoranthene	Pyrene	7H-Benzo (c) Fluorene	Benzo (a) Anthracene	Cyclopenta (c,d) Pyrene	Chrysene	5 Methyl Chrysene	Benzo (b) Fluoranthene	Benzo (k) Fluoranthene	Benzo (j) Fluoranthene	Benzo (a) Pyrene	Indeno (123,cd) Pyrene	Dibenzo (a,h) Anthracene	Benzo (ghi) Perylene	Dibenzo (a,i) Pyrene	Dibenzo (a,e) Pyrene	Dibenzo (a,i) Pyrene	Dibenzo (a,h) Pyrene	
201801662	22.7	<0.50	12.5	1.2	22.2	16.7	<0.50	4.8	<0.50	5.2	<0.50	10.4	4.9	3.3	2.3	1.1	<0.50	1.6	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50
201801830	27.6	0.58	10.3	1.2	19.8	15.2	<0.50	5.9	<0.50	6.5	<0.50	12.5	5.6	3.9	2.7	1.3	<0.50	1.9	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	<0.50	
LOD (µg/kg)	-	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.30
LOQ (µg/kg)	-	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
HORRAT _r	-	1.34	0.48	1.00	0.32	0.32	0.85	0.56	0.57	0.26	0.37	0.30	0.40	0.36	1.09	1.19	0.38	0.55	0.67	1.08	1.27	0.97	
Uncertainty*	-	0.20	0.17	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.38	0.14	0.26	0.20	0.17	0.14	0.18	0.16	0.19	0.29	0.17	0.18	0.30	0.49	0.58	0.44	

*Uncertainty is the expanded measurement uncertainty using a coverage factor of 2, which gives a confidence level of approximately 95%.



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PART 2: Metals

Metals sought: Lead, Cadmium and Mercury.

Table 4: Metal results for Lead, Cadmium and Mercury, expressed as mg/kg on a fresh (wet) weight basis.

Lab Number	Site name/Production Area	Species collected	Lead	Cadmium	Mercury
201800698	Middlebank, Belfast Lough	Mussels	0.44	<0.20	<0.10
201800733	Shingle Bay, Larne Lough	Oysters	<0.30	0.20	<0.10
201801107	Fair Green, Carlingford Lough	Oysters	<0.30	0.29	<0.10
201801112	Ballyedmond, Carlingford Lough	Oysters	<0.30	0.26	<0.10
201801113	Narrow Water, Carlingford Lough	Mussels	0.52	<0.20	<0.10
201801662	Paddy's Point, Strangford Lough	Oysters	<0.30	0.33	<0.10
201801830	Killough Harbour, Killough	Oysters	<0.30	0.27	<0.10
LOD (mg/kg)			0.15	0.10	0.05
LOQ (mg/kg)			0.30	0.20	0.10
HORRAT _r			0.27	0.16	0.17
Uncertainty*			0.09	0.07	0.09

*Uncertainty is the expanded measurement uncertainty using a coverage factor of 2, which gives a confidence level of approximately 95%.