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Border Inspection Posts (England) – for action
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cc:

Nominated officers for Imported Food (England)
APHA
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Health Protection England

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Reference: OVS/2015/24

Dear Colleagues,

IMPORT OF ADDITIVES, SUPPLEMENTS AND HIGHLY REFINED PRODUCTS FROM CHINA INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION OR ANIMAL FEED

This letter is addressed to Border Inspection Posts and Chief Port Health Officers in England only and is further to my letter of 22nd August 2012 (OVS/2012/27).

I am writing to let you know that the Commission has issued Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1068, which further amends Commission Decision 2002/994/EC concerning protective measures for products of animal origin from China and takes effect from today, 3rd July 2015. The Decision can be found here: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:JOL_2015_174_R_0010&from=EN.

The Decision has been implemented by means of Declaration Tarp Reg 29/067 issued under Regulation 29 of The Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011. A copy of this Declaration is attached to the email accompanying this letter.

Substances to be used as food additives or in the food supplements, chondroitin sulphate and glucosamine considered as feed material and L-cysteine and L-cystine considered as feed additives have been added to Part I of the Annex to Commission Decision 2002/994/EC (as amended).

These can now be imported into the European Union under



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Decision 2002/994/EC and are not required to be accompanied by an attestation.

If you have any enquires please contact the Imports Team at imported.food@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Reference: TARP REG 29/067

**THE TRADE IN ANIMALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS REGULATIONS
2011 (SI 2011/1197) (THE "REGULATIONS")**

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 29

Whereas the Food Standards Agency has reasonable grounds to suspect that there are serious shortcomings as regards veterinary medicines regulation and the residue control system in live animals and animal products in China, and has reasonable grounds to suspect the presence of

- (i) harmful residues including chloramphenicol, nitrofurantoin and its metabolites in products of animal origin originating in China and intended for human or animal consumption, and
- (ii) harmful residues of malachite green, crystal violet and their metabolites in products of animal origin originating in China and intended for human or animal consumption;

Whereas this is liable to present a serious threat to human and animal health;

Whereas on 20 December 2002, following the identification of such shortcomings and the detection of the presence of harmful residues, the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China (OJ No. L 348, 21.12.2002, p. 154);

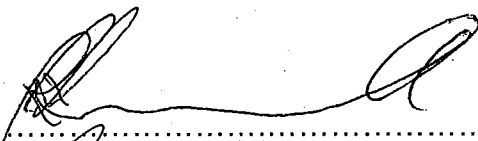
Whereas the Commission has amended that Decision several times, the last amendment being Commission Implementing Decision 2012/482/EU amending Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China (OJ No. L 226, 22.8.2012, p.5);

And whereas the Commission has further amended that Decision by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1068 amending Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China (OJ No. L 174, 3.7.2015, p.30);

The Food Standards Agency declares in accordance with regulation 29 of the Regulations

With effect from 3 July 2015, the introduction into England from China of consignments of products of animal origin intended for human consumption or animal feed use is permitted, subject to the conditions specified in Articles 2 and 3 of Commission Decision 2002/994/EC, as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1068 amending Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China.

Declaration TARP REG 29/054 is repealed with effect from 3 July 2015.

Signed by  on 3 July 2015

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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 2002/994/EC as last amended by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/1068 amending Decision 2002/994/EC concerning certain protective measures with regard to the products of animal origin imported from China has the meaning it bears in Decision 2002/994/EC as so amended.
- (2) Importation of products of animal origin intended for human consumption or animal feed use from China in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.