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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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Reference: OVS/2015/42

Dear Colleagues,

## **FURTHER EXTENSION TO THE SUSPENSION OF IMPORTS OF CERTAIN BIVALVE MOLLUSCS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM PERU**

This letter is addressed to Border Inspection Posts and Chief Port Health Officers in England only.

Further to our letter of 8 December 2014 (ref OVS/2014/33) concerning the suspension of import of bivalve molluscs from Peru due to contamination with the Hepatitis A virus. I am writing to advise that the Commission published Decision 2015/2022 on 12 November 2015 that extends the application of Decision 2008/866/EC (as amended) until 30 November 2017. The Decision can be accessed via the following link: [http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:JOL\\_2015\\_295\\_R\\_0013&from=EN](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:JOL_2015_295_R_0013&from=EN).

The control measures are being extended until the effectiveness of the corrective measures taken by the Peruvian competent authorities have been demonstrated.

Decision 2015/2022 has been implemented by means of Declaration Tarp Reg 29/069. A copy of the Declaration is included with the email accompanying this letter.

I hope that this is helpful but if you need any further information please let me know. The Agency's imports section on our website can be found at <http://www.food.gov.uk/imports>.



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Yours sincerely

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