

Border Inspection Posts (England),
Chief Port Health Officers & Nominated Officers for
imported Food (England) – for information

cc: APHA
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Trading Standards Institute
Health Protection England

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Dear Colleagues,

EU REFERENDUM RESULT

This letter is addressed to Chief Port Health Officers and Nominated Officers for Imported Food in England.

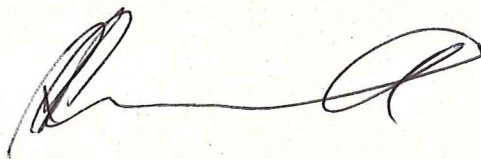
On the 23rd June, the European Union referendum took place and the people of the United Kingdom voted to leave. I am writing therefore to clarify the immediate situation with regards to imports of food and feed into the United Kingdom.

It will be for the Government, under the new Prime Minister, to respond to the outcome of the referendum. The United Kingdom remains a full member of the European Union and all the rights and obligations of European Union

membership remain in force. During this period the Government will continue to negotiate, implement and apply European Union legislation.

The Food Standards Agency's priority remains 'to protect the interests of consumers in relation to food'. Trade will continue as normal and is not immediately affected by the outcomes of the referendum. All United Kingdom businesses must continue to comply with all European Union legislation including European Union food and feed legislation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Ainsworth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rod Ainsworth

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