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Border Inspection Posts (England) – for action
Chief Port Health Officers – for action

cc:

Nominated officers for Imported Food (England)
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Dear Colleagues,

THE CONTROLS AND SUSPENSION OF IMPORTS OF BIVALVE MOLLUSCS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION FROM TURKEY

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

This is further to my letter last year (OVS/2015/26) and I am writing to advise that the Commission published Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/129 on 26 January 2017. The Regulation can be found here: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R0129&from=EN>.

The Regulation enters force on January 29th.

Regulation 2017/129 extends the period of protective measures to 31 December 2017. Live and chilled bivalve molluscs from Turkey continue to not be allowed for import into the EU.

All consignments of frozen bivalve molluscs are subjected to sampling at BIPs for *Escherichia coli*. Additionally, frozen and processed bivalve molluscs are subjected to tests to determine the level of marine biotoxins.

Consignments must be held pending the results of the tests.



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Regulation 2017/129 has been implemented by means of Declaration TARP Reg 29/072. A copy of the Declaration is included with the email accompanying this letter.

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

Yours sincerely

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