

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

cc:

Nominated officers for Imported Food (England)  
APHA  
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Trading Standards Institute  
Health Protection England

**OVS Note/2017/25**

**Date: 16 October 2017**

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.

This is further to my letter of 17 November 2015 (ref OVS/2015/42) 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 2017/1840 on 11 October 2017 that extends the application of Decision 2008/866/EC (as amended) until 30 November 2018. The Decision can be accessed via the following link: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017D1840&from=EN>.

The control measures are being extended until the effectiveness of the corrective actions in Peru have been demonstrated.

Decision 2017/1840 has been implemented by means of Declaration Tarp Reg 29/073. A copy of the Declaration is included with the email accompanying this letter.

Yours sincerely,  
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