

To: Port Health Authorities in England.

Import of Chinese fishery products and Brazilian chicken		11 June 2019
Summary: The European Commission has asked for non-routine checks on fishery catch certificates from China and further information on Brazilian chicken imports.		Notification • Imports
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Dear Colleague,

The following information and request for action has been received from the Commission.

Fishery Products from China

The Commission is trying to detect illegal catches and DG Santé-F suspects that China is relaxing controls in primary production. Vessels working for approved inland establishments, which are from a different country, are not included in the Chinese list of approved vessels. The Commission is therefore asking for controls to be strengthened for all consignments from China.

Border Inspection Posts are asked to check that catch certificates list vessels that are approved for export to EU ONLY from Chinese consignments. Catch certificates shouldn't be requested as routine from other countries, but only from those under suspicion (based on evidences of fraud).

There is not currently an obligation (for traceability) to list all the establishments/vessels on the Health Certificate, but there is on the catch certificate. Under the new Official Control Regulations (2017/625), all establishments or vessels may be listed on the Health Certificate, but the legal requirement is only for the last establishment to included. If you have questions about this, you may wish to contact the Marine Management Organisation.

Poultry products from Brazil

When a consignment of poultry is tested at the BIP and found to be positive for *Salmonella* spp., the Commission contacts the Brazilian authorities and expects that poultry from the same batch is not to be sent to EU. To identify the consignment's batch, Brazilian Authorities require as much information as possible about the consignment, including full product name as well as batch and production codes. DG-Santé-F is requesting BIPs gather as much evidence about the *Salmonella* positive consignment as possible. Brazilian authorities do not appreciate *Salmonella* spp. as a dangerous pathogen, so they are not destroying any remaining poultry from a contaminated batch, but we understand that any remaining poultry of the same batch shouldn't be imported into the EU.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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