

To: Feed and food law enforcement authorities in England.
Port Health Authorities in England.

Composite products and safeguard measures.		Date: 19 June 2019
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Dear Colleague,

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

Following questions from a number of ports regarding whether safeguard measures, in place for certain POAO also apply to composite products I write to confirm that they do.

Our advice is based Commission guidance: *Illustrative Guidance on import/transit conditions and controls of certain composite products*:

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/10102/2015/EN/10102-2015-79-EN-F1-1.PDF>.

As an example, I have considered Decision 2002/994/EC, which introduced protective measures to POAO from China, and would draw your attention to the following sections:

3.2 - Public health conditions for import of composite products:

All products of animal origin from third countries intended to be imported into the EU must comply with the EU food hygiene requirements. This principle is also applicable for composite products... According to Council Directive 96/23/EC, animal products, also when used as components of animal origin for the production of composite products, have to originate from a third country with an approved residue control plan for the specific component as laid down in Annex I to Commission Decision 2011/163/EU.

4.1 - Origin of the processed products of animal origin (PPOAO) used for the production of the composite products:

According to Article 6(4) of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004, the PPOAO used to prepare imported composite products must satisfy the requirements of Article 6(1) to (3) of that Regulation. It means, in particular:

- *The PPOAO shall originate from a third country or part thereof appearing on an EU list, and satisfy the product specific requirements applicable upon import in the EU,*
- *The PPOAO shall originate from an establishment (or production area for molluscs), which appears on an EU list of establishments for that PPOAO from which imports are permitted.*

It is worth noting that the Annex provides examples that confirm composite products are subjected to Decision 2002/994/EC.

We are content, based on the above analogy that other POAO safeguards, including Decision 2010/381/EU on emergency measures on Indian aquaculture, would also apply to composite products.

Yours sincerely,

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