

Annex A – CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES 2016/17

In 2015/16, a rolling compliance review system has been introduced to the classification monitoring programme. The outcome being that actions regarding compliance (either upgrades or downgrades) can be addressed as necessary throughout the year. The annual review primarily focuses on sites which have marginal compliance with the class B criteria.

At this annual review update (effective from 1st September), there are 315 classified production beds and 6 relaying beds.

	Production beds	Relaying beds
A	9	1
Seasonal A/B	2	0
B	60	4
B-LT	202	1
Seasonal B/C	7	0
C	31	0
Prohibited	16	1

Since 1st of September 2016, 18 upgrades have been recommended and 10 downgrades have been recommended.

Upgrades from 2016/17 classification

Production Area	Bed/zone Name	Species	2016 Class	2016 Note	2017 Class	2017 Note	Change
Blackwater	St. Peter's and Batchelor	<i>C. gigas</i>	B-LT		A		Upgraded*
Blackwater	Ray Channel	<i>O. edulis</i>	B-LT		A		Upgraded*
Blackwater	Dengie Flats	<i>C. edule</i>	B-LT		A		Upgraded*
Blackwater	St. Peter's Flats	<i>C. gigas</i>	B-LT		A		Upgraded*
Crouch	Brandy Hole	<i>C. gigas</i>	B		B- LT	4	Upgraded* & Note 4 added
Roach	Inner Roach	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Prohibited		C		Upgraded*
Roach	Inner Roach	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	C		B		Upgraded
Roach	Middleway	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Seasonal B		B		Upgraded*
Swale	Swale Inner North	<i>C. gigas</i>	C		Seasonal B		Upgraded*
North Kent Coast	Off Leysdown	<i>O. edulis</i>	B-LT		A		Upgraded*
Southampton Water	Bird Pile	<i>Tapes</i> spp.	Prohibited		C		Upgraded*
Poole	Wareham Channel	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	C		Seasonal B		Upgraded*
Lyme Bay	Site 1	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B		Seasonal A		Upgraded
Lyme Bay	Site 2	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B		Seasonal A		Upgraded
Fal	Grimes Bar	<i>O. edulis</i>	Seasonal B		B		Upgraded*
Fal	Ruan Creek	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Prohibited		C	1	Upgraded* & Note 1 added
Burry Inlet	Whiteford Point	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B		B-LT		Given LT status*

Morecambe Bay - Roosebeck	Central East	<i>C. edule</i>	C	1	B		Upgraded* & Note 1 removed
---------------------------	--------------	-----------------	---	---	---	--	----------------------------

Downgrades from 2016/17 classification

Production Area	Bed/zone Name	Species	2015 Class	2015 Note	2016 Class	2016 Note	Change
The Wash - Boston	Welland and Witham Inner	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	4	Seasonal B		Downgraded
Blackwater	St. Peter's and Batchelor	<i>C. gigas</i>	A		B		Downgraded*
North Kent Coast	Swalecliffe	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B-LT		Prohibited		Downgraded*
Chichester Harbour	Northney	<i>C. edule</i>	B	1 & 4	C		Downgraded*
Fowey	Wisemans	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B		Prohibited		Downgraded*
Taw/Torridge	Power Station	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B		Seasonal B		Downgraded
Liverpool Bay	Leasowe and New Brighton	<i>C. edule</i>	B	2	C		Downgraded
Ribble	Ribble Channel	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	C		Prohibited		Downgraded*
Lune	Wyre Estuary	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B- LT	4	Seasonal B		Downgraded
The Wash - Boston	Welland and Witham Inner	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	4	Seasonal B		Downgraded

Since the last annual review the number of classified beds has remained relatively stable. In January 2017, the updated criteria for class A beds was introduced and resulted in four beds being upgraded at that time.

Declassified areas are included in the classification listing, after the list of classified areas. (i.e. those for which an insufficient number of samples were received over the review year or that are inactive with a reduced rate of monitoring agreed with the Local Authority)

Notes:

a. All the areas listed are designated for species that may be harvested as well as the classification of the shellfish waters. If other species than those listed are present then advice should be sought from the contact point issuing this Annex prior to any harvesting. The various species designated in the listing are as follows:

Cerastoderma edule = Common edible cockle

Mytilus spp. = *Mytilus edulis* (blue mussel), *Mytilus galloprovincialis* (Mediterranean mussel) and hybrids

Ostrea edulis = Native or Flat Oyster

Crassostrea gigas = Pacific Oyster

Mercenaria mercenaria = Hard clam

Spisula solida = Thick trough shell

Tapes philippinarum = Manila clam

Ensis spp. = Razor clams

Pecten maximus = Great or King scallop

Mya spp. = Gapers

Tapes decussatus = Palourde, native clam or carpet shell clam