

## Annex A – CLASSIFICATION OF SHELLFISH PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES 2017/2018

The rolling compliance review system (introduced in 2015/16) means that actions regarding compliance (either upgrades or downgrades) can be addressed as necessary throughout the year.

Therefore the annual review (published in September each year) primarily focuses on sites which have marginal compliance with the class B criteria and beds which have been on the declassified list for over 2 years.

At this annual review update (effective from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018), there are 308 classified production beds, 19 prohibited beds and 6 relaying areas.

	Production beds	Relaying beds
A	15	2
Seasonal A/B	2	0
B	68	3
B-LT	182	1
Seasonal B/C	8	0
C	33	0
Prohibited	19	1

Since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, there has been 9 upgrades and 15 downgrades. See table below:

### Upgrades

\*Change made in year via interim update

Production Area	Bed/zone Name	Monitored Species	2017 Class	2017 Note	2018 Class	2018 Note	Change
Blackwater	Buxey Sands	<i>C. edule</i>	B-LT		A		Upgrade*
Blackwater	Outer Blackwater	<i>C. gigas</i> & <i>O. edulis</i>	B-LT		A		Upgrade*
West Mersea	Mersea Flats West	<i>C. gigas</i> & <i>O. edulis</i>	B		A		Upgrade*
Crouch	Easter Reach	<i>M. mercenaria</i>	B-LT		A		Upgrade*
Thames	Southend Flats	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	C		B		Upgrade*
Swale	Swale Inner North	<i>C. gigas</i>	Seasonal B		B		Upgrade
Langstone Harbour	Langstone Channel	<i>O. edulis</i>	C		B		Upgrade*
Teign	Devon Valley	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	C		B		Upgrade*
Teign	Gappa Bank	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	C		B		Upgrade*

## Downgrades

\*Change made in year via interim update

Production Area	Bed/zone Name	Monitored Species	2017 Class	2017 Note	2018 Class	2018 Note	Change
The Wash	Welland and Witham Outer	<i>C. edule</i> & <i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B-LT	4	B	4	Lose B-LT status
West Mersea	Salcott Channel	<i>Tapes spp.</i>	n/c		C		Downgrade*
West Mersea	Salcott Channel	<i>C. gigas</i> , <i>O. edulis</i> & <i>M. mercenaria</i>	B-LT	4	B	4	Lose B-LT status
Thames	Southend Flats	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B		C		Downgrade*
North Kent Coast	Hampton Pier	<i>C. gigas</i> & <i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B-LT	4	B	4	Lose B-LT status
Chichester Harbour	Thorney	<i>O. edulis</i>			Prohibited		Prohibition*
Chichester Harbour	Prinstead	<i>C. edule</i> & <i>Tapes spp.</i>	C		Prohibited		Prohibition*
Portsmouth Harbour	Fareham Lake Middle	<i>O. edulis</i> & <i>C. gigas</i>	B	1 & 4	C		Downgrade
Poole Harbour	Rockley	<i>C. edule</i> , <i>Tapes spp.</i> & <i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B-LT		B		Downgrade*
Poole Harbour	Rockley	<i>C. edule</i> , <i>Tapes spp.</i> & <i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B	4	Seasonal B		Downgraded to seasonal
Dart	Waddeton	<i>C. gigas</i>	B-LT	4	B		Lose B-LT status
Fal (Upper)	King Harry Reach	<i>O. edulis</i> & <i>C. gigas</i>	B	4	C		Downgraded
Fal (Upper)	King Harry Reach Mussel Lines	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B	4	C		Downgraded
Camel	Gentle Jane	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B	4	C		Downgraded
Lune	Pilling Sands	<i>C. edule</i>	B	4	C		Downgrade*

**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)

The following beds are to be added to the declassified list

Production Area	Bed/zone Name	Monitored Species	Current Classification	2018 Classification
Helford	Calamansack Relay Area	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B note 1	Declassified (note 7)
Morecambe Bay -East	Heysham Flat Skeer	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B-LT	Declassified (note 2)
Morecambe Bay -East	Old Skeer	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B-LT	Declassified (note 2)
Silloth	Dubmill Scar	<i>C. gigas</i>	B-LT	Declassified (note 7)

**Areas to be removed from the classification listing** are removed as there is no commercial interest current or intended and the period of no monitoring or reduced monitoring exceeds 2 years.

The following beds are to be removed from the listing altogether:

Production Area	Bed/zone Name	Species	Current Classification	2017 Explanatory Note
Walton Backwaters	Kirby Creek	<i>O. edulis &amp; C. gigas</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Walton Backwaters	I Lane	<i>O. edulis &amp; C. gigas</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Walton Backwaters	Twizzle	<i>O. edulis &amp; C. gigas</i>	Declassified C	7
Colne	Pyefleet Spit Relay Area	<i>C. gigas</i>	Declassified B-LT	2
Crouch	Fambridge	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	B	1
Swale	East Sheppey	<i>C. edule &amp; Mytilus spp.</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Swale	Swale Outer	<i>C. edule &amp; Mytilus spp.</i>	Declassified Seasonal B	7
Langstone Harbour	Salterns	<i>O. edulis</i>	Declassified C	2
Langstone Harbour	North Broom Channel	<i>O. edulis</i>	Declassified C	2
Poole Harbour	North Haven Pontoon	<i>C. edule</i>	Declassified C	
Yealm	Thorn	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Fowey	Pont Pill	<i>C. gigas</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Fal (Lower)	St Mawes Bank & East Narrows	<i>O. edulis</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Fal (Lower)	Falmouth Bank	<i>O. edulis</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Porlock	Porlock	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	Declassified B	7
Taw/Torridge	Westleigh	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	Declassified B	7
Menai Strait – West	Llanidan	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Conwy	Llandudno Pier East	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Conwy	Llandudno Pier West	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Colwyn Bay	Rhos-on Sea	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	Declassified B-LT	7

Dee	The Marshes	<i>C. edule</i>	Declassified B-LT	7
Ribble	Lytham West	<i>C. edule</i>	Declassified C	7
Duddon	Duddon Sands	<i>Mytilus spp.</i>	Declassified B	7

## Prohibited Results

Prohibited results recorded during the 2017/18 review year

Production area	Monitoring point Name	Classification	Monitored species	Collection Date	<i>E..coli/100g</i>
Chichester Harbour	Hambrook (T. sp)	PROHIBITED	Tapes spp.	03/07/2017	54000
Chichester Harbour	Northney Marina (C. ed)	C	C. edule	12/07/2017	160000
Chichester Harbour	Thorney Outfall (O. ed)	PROHIBITED	O. edulis	24/07/2017	54000
Fal	Trelissick Pontoon (M. sp)	B	Mytilus spp.	08/08/2017	54000
Fal	King Harry Ferry (O.ed)	B	O. edulis	08/08/2017	54000
Lune	Knott Spit (M)	DECLASSIFIED	Mytilus spp.	12/09/2017	54000
Poole	Rockley (M. sp)	B	Mytilus spp.	06/03/2018	54000
Taw/Torridge	Chivenor (M. sp)	C	Mytilus spp.	13/03/2018	92000
North Kent Coast	Hampton Pier (M. sp)	B- LT	Mytilus spp.	17/04/2018	160000

### Notes:

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