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To all interested parties:

Updated Classifications of the Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas in England & Wales for 2018-19

The Food Standards Agency wishes to notify you of the following update to the classifications of bivalve mollusc production areas:

New classifications

Teign – Labrador Bay (*Mytilus* spp.) B27A1

Sampling at the representative monitoring point (RMP) commenced in May 2018, following an application to classify this new harvesting area. To date, 10 samples have been received and the results show 90% compliance with the class B threshold (4,600), with one failure of 24,000 on 07/06/2018. Given the 90% compliance, provisional classification (note 1) is awarded at the class B level.

Poole – Whitley Lake (Revised zone) (*Mytilus* spp.) B54CP

Poole BC have requested on behalf of the industry that *Tapes* species are added to the classification listing for Whitley Lake (Revised zone). The monitoring is carried out using *Mytilus* species as a representative species, which is the current arrangement representing *Tapes* species in the rest of Poole Harbour also. Therefore, the *Tapes* species are being added to the listing as class C based on the *Mytilus* species monitoring.

Southampton Water – Hamble (*Tapes* spp.) B21AT

The local authority began sampling here towards classification in February 2017. There are now a total of 13 results, showing 62% compliance with 4600 but which are all below 46,000. This site is therefore classified at class C.

Declassification

Ribble – Penfold North (*Mytilus* spp.) B046C

The Local Authority has reported that there is no commercial interest in harvesting this bed. Quarterly sampling will be maintained for the time being. Therefore, this bed has been declassified (C) note 2.

DESIGNATED BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

New classifications

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Teign	Labrador Bay	<i>Mytilus</i> spp.	B	1	Teignbridge DC
Poole	Whitley Lake (Revised zone)	<i>Tapes</i> spp.	B		Poole BC
Southampton Water	Hamble	<i>Tapes</i> spp.	C		Southampton PHA

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Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Ribble	Penfold North	<i>C. edule</i>	C	Note 2	West Lancs DC

These amendments have been made under Regulation (EC) 854/2004 and take immediate effect.

The classification list will be updated on the FSA website:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/shellfish-classification>

If you require further information or wish to discuss these amendments further please contact Catherine Miller or Emily Davis on the details below.

Yours sincerely

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