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Reference: Update 8/ 19-20

To all interested parties:

### **Updated Classifications of the Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas in England & Wales for 2019-20**

The Food Standards Agency wishes to notify you of the following update to the classifications of bivalve mollusc production areas. These amendments have been made under Regulation (EC) 2019/627 of 15 March 2019 and take immediate effect.

#### **Upgrades**

##### **Roach – Inner Roach (*Mytilus* spp., *M. mercenaria*, *C. gigas* and *O. edulis*) B73AB**

This class B site (represented by monitoring at Barton Hall) is now meeting with criteria for Long Term B classification. It has been 100% compliant with 4,600 *E. coli*/100g in the last year (11 samples) and 96.6% compliant over the last five years (59 samples), with no results >46,000 *E. coli*/100g. This area has benefited from improvements made to the sewerage systems around Prittle Brook and the River Roach over the last few years.

In view of compliance results, this site is **upgraded to class B-LT**.

##### **Poole – Wareham Channel (*Mytilus* spp., *Tapes* spp. and *C. edule*) B54BS**

This seasonal class B site (represented by monitoring at Barrel O) has been 100% compliant with 4,600 *E. coli*/100g in the last year (12 samples). It is also 94.6% compliant over the last three years (37 samples) and 91.7% compliant over the last five years (60 samples) with no results >46,000 *E. coli*/100g.

In view of compliance results this site is **upgraded to B-LT**.

##### **Poole – Brands Bay (*C. edule* and *Tapes* spp.) B54CM**

This B-LT site has been 90.9% compliant with 230 *E. coli*/100g in the last year (a result of 330 *E. coli*/100g was recorded on 5 November 19 out of a total of 11 samples). It is also 80.0% compliant with the class A criteria over the last three years (35 samples), with no results >700 *E. coli*/100g.

In view of compliance results this site is **upgraded to class A**.

#### **Downgrades**

##### **Crouch – Fambridge (*M. mercenaria*) B015U**

A high result was recorded at the RMP representing this class A site (Clementsgreen Creek) on the 29 January 2019 (13,000 *E. coli*/100g). Local investigations did not reveal sufficient evidence to waive the result. No pollution incidents were reported in the lead up to sampling.

Current compliance figures with 230 *E. coli* per 100g are 66.7% (9 samples) over one-year and 74.2% (31 samples) over three-years. This most recent result is the only result above 700 *E. coli* per 100g in the last three years. However, as it exceeds the upper limit for class A and as compliance is now <80%, this site meets the criteria for a downgrade. The data does not show a seasonal trend. Current compliances with the class B threshold (4,600 *E. coli* per 100g) are 88.9% over the last year (9 samples), 96.8% over the last three years (31 samples) and 98.2% over the last five years (55 samples). There have been no results >46,000 *E. coli* per 100g from this site in the last five years.

Data from this site complies with B-LT criteria so the site is **downgraded to B-LT**.

## Declassification

### Dart – Flat Owers (*C. gigas*) B028G

The Local Authority has advised that there is no commercial interest in using this area at present and it will be moving to quarterly sampling. It is therefore **declassified as (B-LT)** note 2.

## Amendment to Seasonal Classification

### Yealm – Fox Cove (*C. gigas*) B031E

The seasonal classification of this area has been reviewed on the basis of 3-year compliance data. The seasonal classification at Fox Cove will be amended to a **class B season of 1<sup>st</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> July** (with November as the buffer period). Results are 92.6% compliant with 4,600 *E. coli*/100g during this season and buffer period over the last three years data (27 results).

## DESIGNATED BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

### Upgrades

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Roach	Inner Roach	<i>Mytilus</i> spp., <i>M. mercenaria</i> , <i>C. gigas</i> and <i>O. edulis</i>	B-LT		London PHA
Poole Harbour	Wareham Channel	<i>Mytilus</i> spp., <i>Tapes</i> spp. <i>C. edule</i>	B-LT		Poole BC
Poole Harbour	Brands Bay	<i>C. edule</i> and <i>Tapes</i> spp.	A		Poole BC

### Downgrades

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Crouch	Fambridge	<i>M. mercenaria</i>	B-LT		Maldon DC

### Declassified

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Dart	Flat Owers	<i>C. gigas</i>	Declassified B-LT	2	South Hams DC

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Yealm	Fox Cove	<i>C. gigas</i>	Seasonal B/C	Class B season 1 <sup>st</sup> December – 31 <sup>st</sup> July (reverting to class C at all other times)	Plymouth PHA

The classification list will be updated on the FSA website in due course:  
<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/shellfish-classification>

If you require further information or wish to discuss these amendments further, please contact the Shellfish Delivery team on the details below.

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