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

Preliminary Classifications

Morecambe Bay - Roosebeck – Newbiggin (*C. edule*) B48AE

An application was received to classify this cockle bed. To date seven samples have been collected, which are all 4,600 or below. Newbiggin cockles have been awarded preliminary class B based on the results so far and data from neighbouring RMPs.

Solent – Ryde Middle & Sturbridge – Sturbridge (*O. edulis*) B24BM

An application was received to classify this native oyster bed. To date eight samples have been collected, which are all 4,600 or below. Ryde Middle native oysters have been awarded preliminary class B based on the results so far and data from neighbouring RMPs.

DESIGNATED BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Morecambe Bay – Roosebeck	Newbiggin	<i>C. edule</i>	B	Preliminary	South Lakeland DC
Solent	Ryde Middle & Sturbridge	<i>O. edulis</i>	B	Preliminary	Isle of Wight Council

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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