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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.

**Upgrade**

**Bigbury and Avon – South Hexdown (*C. gigas*) B030J**

This site is currently class C. A compliance assessment revealed that a seasonal trend is evident for this area. The compliance data supports a class B season of 1<sup>st</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> July (96% compliance with the class B threshold (26 samples)) with a buffer period of 1<sup>st</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> November.

The last sample result recorded on the 20/05/2020 was 3,300 *E. coli*/100g, therefore the class B season may commence immediately, subject to compliant biotoxin testing results. This site is designated a seasonal B/C classification with effect from the date of this letter.

## DESIGNATED BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

### Upgrade

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Bigbury and Avon	South Hexdown	<i>C. gigas</i>	Seasonal B/C	<b>Class B season</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> December - 31 <sup>st</sup> July (reverting to class C at all other times)	South Hams DC

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.

Yours sincerely

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