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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.

Seasonal Classifications to be Updated

Lyme Bay – Site 1 (*Mytilus* spp.) B090M

The class A season for this bed was due to start on the 1st April so its classification status has been amended accordingly on the classification list. There have been two samples which were both within class A limits:

- 230 on 12th February 2019
- 45 on 11th March 2019

The length of the seasonal classification has also been reviewed. The current class A season runs from 1st April to 30th September (with March as the transitional period). Results over a season and transitional period extended to include February and March (with January as the transitional period) are 96.2% compliant with 230 over the last three years and there have been no results over 700 during these months. Therefore this site is classified as seasonal class A between 1st February and 30th September, with a transitional period of 1st January and 31st January, reverting to class B at all other times.

Lyme Bay – Site 2 (*Mytilus* spp.) B090P

The class A season for this bed was due to start on the 1st April so its classification status has been amended accordingly on the classification list. Whilst a result of 330 was recorded on 11 March 2019, there have now been two further samples during the transitional period which were both within class A limits:

- 18 on 25th March 2019
- 18 on 1st April 2019

Taw/Torridge – Power Station (*Mytilus* spp.) B36AA

The class B season for this bed was due to start on the 1st April so its classification status has been amended accordingly on the classification list. Results of sampling during the transitional period have been within class B limits:

- 1,300 on 4th March 2019
- 490 on 4th February 2019

DESIGNATED BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

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| Production Area | Bed Name | Species | Class | Comment | Food Authority |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|--|----------------|
| Lyme Bay | Site 1 | <i>Mytilus</i> spp. | Seasonal A | Transition period 1 st Jan - 31 st Jan Class A season 1 st Feb – 30 th Sept (class B at all other times) | Torbay BC |
| Lyme Bay | Site 2 | <i>Mytilus</i> spp. | Seasonal A | Transition period 1 st Mar - 31 st Mar Class A season 1 st April – 30 th Sept (class B at all other times) | Torbay BC |
| Taw/Torridge | Power Station | <i>Mytilus</i> spp. | Seasonal B | Transition period 1 st Feb – 31 st Mar Class B season 1 st April - 31 st July (class C at all other times) | North Devon DC |

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 David Cracknell on the details below.

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