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Reference: Update 5/ 18-19

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.

Reclassification and change of species

Poole - West Brownsea Relay Area (*C. edule*) B54CS

There is a renewed commercial requirement in using this relay area since it's declassification on 11 January 19.

It was last sampled in November 18 and was 90% compliant with 4600 over the last year (10 samples) and 90.3% over the last three years (31 samples). The note 4 has been removed as the bed now meets with 90% class B compliance. Bagged sampling of mussels (*Mytilus* spp.) will be used to represent the cockles (*C.edule*).

Any shellfish which are transferred to the site will need to be relayed for a minimum of 2 months in-situ prior to harvesting. This will allow time for further classification samples to be collected.

This bed is therefore reclassified as class B for relaying of cockles, with immediate effect.

Seasonal Classifications to be updated

Please note that the following beds have seasonal classifications which will change with effect from 31st January 2019:

Poole Harbour – Rockley (*Mytilus* spp., *C. edule* and *Tapes* spp.) B54BR

The class B season is due to end on 31st January and this bed will revert to class C.

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

The class B season is due to end on 31st January and this bed will revert to class C.

DESIGNATED BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Reclassification

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Poole Harbour	West Brownsea Relay Area	<i>C. edule</i>	B		Poole BC

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Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Comment	Food Authority
Poole Harbour	Rockley	<i>C. edule</i> , <i>Tapes</i> spp. and <i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Seasonal C	Transition period 1 st April – 31 st May Class B season 1 st June – 31 st January (reverting to class C at all other times)	Poole BC
Poole Harbour	Sites 1 & 2	<i>C. edule</i> , <i>Tapes</i> spp. and <i>Mytilus</i> spp.	Seasonal C	Transition period 1 st April – 31 st May Class B season 1 st June – 31 st January (reverting to class C at all other times)	Poole BC

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 (07771 345180) on the details below.

Yours sincerely

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