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To all interested parties:

**Updated Classifications of the Bivalve Mollusc Production Areas in England & Wales for 2017-18**

The Food Standards Agency wishes to notify you of the following update to the classifications of bivalve mollusc production areas:

**New species classification**

**Exe – Dawlish to Starcross (*Mytilus* spp.) B26BH**

An application has been submitted to classify *C. gigas* in the River Exe production area. The site requested lies within the current *Mytilus* species classification zone of Dawlish to Starcross. Therefore, *C. gigas* is given preliminary class B status, based on the monitoring of *Mytilus* species, for the Dawlish to Starcross zone.

**DESIGNATED BIVALVE MOLLUSC PRODUCTION AREAS IN ENGLAND AND WALES**

**New classification**

Production Area	Bed Name	Species	Class	Food Authority
Exe	Dawlish to Starcross	<i>C. gigas</i>	Preliminary B	Teignbridge DC

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

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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