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To all interested parties:

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

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

**Prohibition**

**Chichester Harbour – Prinstead (*C. edule* and *Tapes* spp.) B018P**

This classification zone (currently class C) is represented by monitoring of Manila clams at Hambrook. A result of 54,000 was recorded here on 3 July 2017 and the bed has since been closed. The Prinstead zone also falls within the boundaries of the Thorney oyster classification zone (which is currently prohibited). Following discussion with the local authority it has been agreed that Prinstead should be added to the list of prohibited sites as the area falls within the current prohibited zone listed as Thorney.

**Removal from Classification List**

**Chichester Harbour – Pilsey Sands (*C. edule* and *Tapes* spp.)**

Pilsey Sands was given preliminary classification, in January 2016, at class C based on monitoring from Prinstead and Northney Marina. The local authority cannot sample due to access issues and there has been no further interest from the fishermen. Following discussion with the local authority it has been agreed that Pilsey should be removed from the classification listing.

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

**Prohibition**

<b>Production Area</b>	<b>Bed Name</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Food Authority</b>
Chichester Harbour	Prinstead	<i>C. edule</i> & <i>Tapes</i> spp.	Prohibited		Chichester District Council

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Chichester Harbour	Pilsey Sands	<i>C. edule</i> & <i>Tapes</i> spp.	Preliminary C		Chichester District Council

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/enforcement/monitoring/shellfish/shellharvestareas>

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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