

THE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS (IMPORT AND EXPORT)

(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2006

(SI 2006/1471)

DECLARATION

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, having learned by other means of the presence of mass Pacific oyster (*Crassostrea gigas*) mortalities in France, Ireland and Jersey which is a phenomenon liable to present a serious threat to aquatic animal health in England.

IN EXERCISE OF the powers conferred by regulation 28 of the Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England) Regulations 2006, for the purpose of preventing the introduction or spreading of the disease into or within England,

DECLARES that –

Prohibition

1. The introduction into England of live Pacific oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*) coming from France, Ireland or the States of Jersey is prohibited, subject to the exceptions below.

Exceptions to the prohibition

Pacific oysters for human consumption

2. The prohibition in paragraph 1 does not apply to the introduction of live Pacific oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*) directly for human consumption.

Pacific oysters for depuration

3. The prohibition at paragraph 1 does not apply to the introduction of live Pacific oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*) for depuration in a depuration plant in England that has been approved in advance by the Fish Health Inspectorate to carry out the depuration of Pacific oysters from France, Ireland and the States of Jersey .

This Declaration shall come into force at 00.01 hours on 28 August 2009.

Signed at 16.00 hours on 27 August 2009

Signed by Catherine Harrold



A person duly authorised by

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and rural Affairs

NOTE

(This note is not part of the Declaration)

Introduction of animals in contravention of this Declaration is a criminal offence. The penalty on summary conviction is a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (£5,000), or a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months, or both; and the penalty on conviction on indictment, is an unlimited fine or a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both.