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Dear Sir

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Regulation

I write to advise you of forthcoming changes relating to imports of fish and fishery products from outside the EU and how they will affect you as an importer or agent.

The above Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2009 and contains some important new rules concerning imports and exports of fish and fish products to and from the EU. The purpose of the Regulation is to protect the long term sustainability of fish stocks world wide. All consignments, with few exceptions, will need to be accompanied by a “catch certificate” for fish caught after 1 January 2010, consignments of fish and fishery products that were caught prior to this date will not require a catch certificate. Consignments that are not accompanied by a valid certificate will be refused entry into the UK. The catch certificate is in addition to the health certificate required for veterinary checks.

Excluded products include aquaculture products, freshwater fish, ornamental fish, certain molluscs (snails, oysters and scallops) and a full list can be found in Annex I of the Regulation.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:286:0001:0032:EN:pdf>

In addition to the charges for the veterinary checks, a further fee will be charged for the checking of the IUU Catch Certificate and this has yet to be set. It is anticipated that this will be a national standardised charge, current indications are that a fee of £45 per consignment will be charged. I will write again to notify you of the fee once it has been set. The fee will be collected by invoice raised after the checks.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact either Robin Catchlove at Thamesport on 01634 271740 or David Langdon at Tilbury on 01375 842663 or via porthealth@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Further information can also be found on the Defra website:
<http://www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/fisheries/marine/conservation/iuu-regulation.htm>

Yours faithfully

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