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Dear Sir

**Commission Regulation (EC) No 669/2009 regarding the increased level of official controls on imports of certain feed and food of non-animal origin**  
**The Official Feed and Food Control (England) Regulations 2009**

I write to advise you of important forthcoming changes relating to imports of feed and food and how they will affect you as an importer or agent.

The Official Feed and Food Control (England) Regulations 2009 are expected to come into force on 25 January 2009 and will implement the requirements of Regulation (EC) 882/2004 and Regulation (EC) 669/2009 concerning feed and food originating from certain third countries which will be subject to increased levels of official controls on the basis of known or emerging risks. Annex I of Regulation (EC) 669/2009 lists the feed and food that will be subject to these increased official controls and can be found by following the link below:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:194:0011:0021:EN:PDF>

The European Commission is likely to publish a revised Annex I before January 2010 and we endeavour to keep you informed of any changes on our website.

[www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/porthhealth](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/porthhealth).

Feed and food covered by these controls will only be allowed to enter the EU through Designated Points of Entry (DPE) and I am pleased to advise you that the ports of Tilbury, Thamesport and Sheerness within the London Port Health Authority District have been included in the list of DPEs.

Prior notification of consignments arriving at the DPE must be given at least one working day prior to arrival and should be on the Common Entry Document (CED). The CED is contained in Annex II of Regulation (EC) 669/2009 along with guidance for its completion. Please note that

you are only required to complete Part I of the CED. Blank copies of the CED will be available soon from the dock offices at Tilbury, Thamesport or Sheerness, or may be downloaded from the LPHA Website ([www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/porthealth](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/porthealth)).

All consignments covered by these controls will be subject to a documentary check and original certificates of analysis and testing should be lodged with the CED. If authenticated copies are required then additional copies should be included with the CED and these will be stamped and returned with the CED after checks have been completed.

Annex I specifies the frequency of physical and identity checks, including laboratory analysis, that must be carried out on consignments. When all checks have been satisfactorily completed, Part II of the CED will be completed, stamped and signed before returning it to the person responsible for the consignment. The consignment will then be released from port health holds and customs clearance will be given by the HM Revenue & Customs National Clearance Hub. The original CED must accompany the consignment on its onward transport until it reaches its destination as indicated on the CED.

HM Customs & Revenue has also produced a Customs Information Paper (09) 72 which can be downloaded from their website at the following:

[http://www.customs.hmrc.gov.uk/channelsPortalWebApp/channelsPortalWebApp.portal?\\_nfpb=true&\\_pageLabel=pageLibrary\\_ShowContent&propertyType=document&columns=1&id=HMCE\\_PROD1\\_029916](http://www.customs.hmrc.gov.uk/channelsPortalWebApp/channelsPortalWebApp.portal?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=pageLibrary_ShowContent&propertyType=document&columns=1&id=HMCE_PROD1_029916)

Article 14 of Regulation (EC) 669/2009 requires that costs of these controls and are borne by the person responsible for the consignment. LPHA will be setting its schedule of charges shortly after further advice has been issued by the Food Standards Agency. I will write to you again once the charges have been set. The LPHA will be collecting these charges by raising an invoice after completion of 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](mailto:porthealth@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

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