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Our ref POAO Charges 2010

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Dear Sir

**Products of Animal Origin (Third Country Imports)(England) Regulations 2006 – Part 9
Charges for Veterinary Checks**

I write to advise you that with effect from 1 January 2010, London Port Health Authority will revise its charges for veterinary checks on imported consignments of products of animal origin, and I attach the new schedule of rates.

I fully recognise that the new fees represent a further increase on the charges levied but we are obliged to follow the requirements of the above legislation.

The minimum harmonised charges are laid down in Annex V of Council Regulation 882/2004, and the conversion rate published in the Official Journal of the European Communities in September of the preceding year is used to set the charges in Sterling. This is in line with guidance issued by Defra (OVS Note 09/43) and is likely to be adopted as a minimum charge by all UK port Health Authorities.

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 porthhealth@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your staff very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year from all at London Port Health Authority.

Yours faithfully

Bryn Aldridge
Port Health & Veterinary Services Director