IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

CUSTOMER INFORMATION NOTE

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To: Interested parties

IMPORTS OF COMPOSITE PRODUCTS

Purpose

1. To advise you that we have published our Importer Information Note and Guidance on importation of composite products from outside the EU.

Background

2. Customer Information Note 2012/39 issued on 29 June advised of the latest information on imports of composite products.

3. As you are aware composite products are defined in Article 2(a) of Commission Decision 2007/275/EC as “a foodstuff intended for human consumption that contains both processed products of animal origin and products of plant origin and includes those where the processing of primary product is an integral part of the production of the final product”. The relevant legislation is:

   - Commission Decision 2007/275/EC;
   - Regulation (EU) No 28/2012; and
   - Regulation (EU) No 468/2012.

4. Defra and the Food Standards Agency (FSA) have been working together on guidance for imports of these products. These are now available in the form of an Importer Information Note, frequently asked questions (FAQs) and some flow charts. These will be put on our website shortly.

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