

**THE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN (THIRD COUNTRY IMPORTS)
(SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2007 ("the Regulations")**

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 61

Whereas the Food Standards Agency Scotland has reasonable grounds to suspect serious hygiene shortcomings throughout the production chain of fishery products in the Republic of Guinea;

Whereas these shortcomings are liable to present a serious threat to public health which is exacerbated by a lack of proper sanitary controls by the competent authorities in the Republic of Guinea;

Whereas on 2 February 2007, following a Community inspection in Guinea that revealed serious hygiene shortcomings throughout the production chain of fishery products and lack of proper sanitary controls by the competent authorities in the Republic of Guinea, the Commission of the European Communities adopted Commission Decision 2007/82/EC on emergency measures suspending imports from the Republic of Guinea of fishery products intended for human consumption (OJ No. L 28, 3.2.2007, p.25).

The Food Standards Agency Scotland declares in accordance with regulation 61 of the Regulations that with effect from 7 February 2007 the importation into Scotland from Guinea of fishery products originating from the Republic of Guinea intended for human consumption is prohibited.

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Signed on *7 February* 2007

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For and on behalf of the Food Standards Agency Scotland

NOTES

- (1) Any expression used both in this declaration and Commission Decision 2007/82/EC on emergency measures suspending imports from the Republic of Guinea of fishery intended for human consumption has the meaning it bears in that Decision.
- (2) Importation of fishery products from Guinea in contravention of this declaration is a criminal offence, punishable by a fine or with imprisonment or both.