

## **Import ban on shellfish harvested from South Ayrshire, UK lifted**

Upon receiving a notification from the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed of the European Commission that a batch of razor clams harvested in North Bay and Croy Bay of the UK were found to contain ASP toxin and certain affected product had been imported into Hong Kong, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS), for the sake of prudence, imposed an import ban on shellfish harvested from South Ayrshire (including North Bay and Croy Bay), UK since June 18 this year to safeguard food safety and public health.

In view of the submission of an investigation report and the implementation of surveillance programmes by the UK authorities, CFS had conducted an assessment and decided to lift the import ban imposed on shellfish harvested from South Ayrshire, UK with immediate effect.

CFS will continue to monitor closely shellfish imported from the area. Appropriate actions will be taken to safeguard food safety and public health.

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