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Source	<p>Website of the MPI</p> <p>https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news/media-releases/public-health-warning-for-shellfish-extended-for-west-coast-north-island/</p>
Position of CFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the information of MPI, commercially harvested shellfish – sold in shops and supermarkets, or exported – is subject to strict water and flesh monitoring programmes by MPI. • Acquisition of the products through international travel cannot be excluded. • Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) toxin can cause symptoms such as numbness of mouth and limbs and gastrointestinal discomfort. In severe cases, paralysis with respiratory arrest and

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even death may occur. This natural toxin is sometimes found in bi-valve shellfish. It is heat-stable and cannot be destroyed through cooking.

- Consumers should discard the products and not consume them.
- CFS will remain vigilant and monitor for any new development and take appropriate actions when necessary.

Additional information

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