



NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PRODUCTION AREA(S)

B73AM Off Rochford Outfall

REGULATION (EU) 2019/627 of 15 March 2019 laying down uniform practical arrangements for the performance of official controls on products of animal origin intended for human consumption in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 2074/2005 as regards official controls.

Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 S.I. 2013 No 2996

Pursuant to the power conferred on it by Article 18(6) and Article(8)(b) of Regulation 2017/625, and Article 62 of Regulation 2019/627, being satisfied that the results of the sampling show that the microbiological health standards for **live bivalve molluscs** are exceeded and there may be a risk to human health human health.

Recent analysis of samples taken by the London Port Health Authority from the affected area has shown that ***O.edulis, C.gigas, M. mercenaria*** are affected by 54000 cfu ecoli.

As Competent Authority for the purposes of the above EC provision by virtue of regulation 4 of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 S.I. 2013/2996, London Port Health Authority has temporarily closed the production area identified in the Schedule to this notice for the production of ***O.edulis, C.gigas, M. mercenaria*** by food business operators until further notice.

London Port Health Authority will continue to take samples for analysis and keep its decision to close the area under review.

To check the current status of the area you may contact the London Port Health Authority by telephone 01474 363033 or email porthealth.denton@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Signed

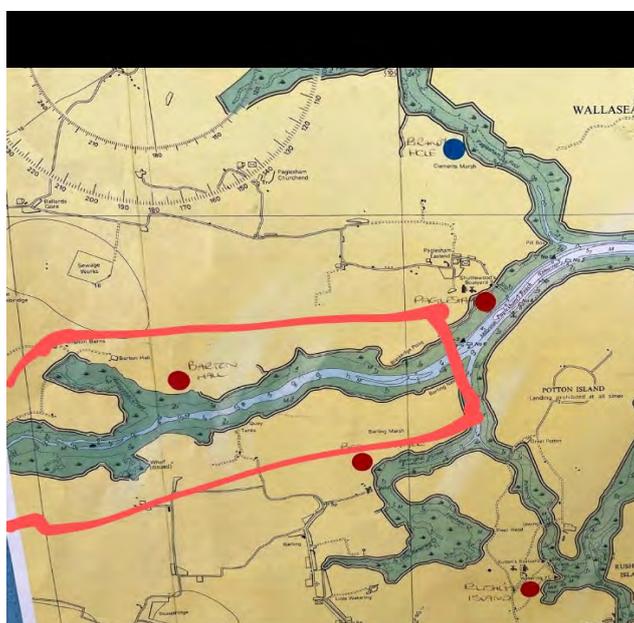
Dated this 14th day of March 2025

Timothy Bage
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On behalf of the London Port Health Authority

SCHEDULE

Area in which the production of ***O.edulis***, ***C.gigas***, ***M. mercenaria*** by food business operators is prohibited by reason of this order:-

Production area	Roach
RMP(s)	B73AM
Species sampled	<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>
RMP Name	Off Rochford Outfall (C.g)
NGR	TQ92919126
Result	54000
Sample date and time	10 Mar 2025 09:20
Classification zone/species	Inner Roach (M. mercenaria, C. gigas & O. edulis)
Classification	B



Food business operators must not collect the affected animals from this area by any method, it is unsuitable for their production for health reasons and has been temporarily closed.

For a food business operator to collect affected animals from the area that is temporarily closed amounts to the commission of a criminal offence under regulation 19 of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 S.I. 2013/2996. On conviction a fine or imprisonment for a term of up to two years or both may be imposed.

PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED NOT TO GATHER COCKLES FOR THEIR OWN CONSUMPTION FROM THE AFFECTED PRODUCTION AREA.

THERE MAY BE A RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH IN DOING SO.