

**Tyne Port Health Authority
Report to the Joint Board
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Subject: Operational Summary 01/05/15 - 31/08/15

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Board of activity during the period 01/05/15 – 31/08/15.

1.2 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Joint Board note the report.

2.0 Information

2.1 Operational Summary

Ship Arrivals and Inspections

Cargo ship arrivals and cruise traffic at the port remains stable and a breakdown of shipping trends over the last 10 years is set out in **Appendix 1**.

Shipping is inspected either on request (usually due to impending expiry of ship sanitation certification) or in accordance with the authorities policy of prioritising inspections using a risk based approach as set out in the annual service plan.

Summary of ship sanitation inspections

Inspections	Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificates issued	Ship Sanitation Control Certificates issued
11(19)	11(19)	0(0)

* figures for the previous year shown in brackets.

Summary of other inspections/boardings of ships

	Arrivals	Inspections	Major Defects found	Minor Defects found	Revisits/Referrals
British Flag	81(70)	7(4)	1(0)	5	1
Foreign Flag	451(485)	38(86)	8(0)	25	8
Total	532(555)	45(90)	9(0)	30	9

* figures for the previous year shown in brackets.

* last 2 columns not previously reported.

All major and minor defects were remedied in port and no matters required referral to the Maritime & Coastguard Agency or the next port of call for follow up action.

Water Supply

27 Samples of drinking water were taken from 17 vessels for bacteriological analysis. Samples are taken routinely as part of some ship sanitation and other ship inspection, and also on request or in response to concerns.

44 samples of drinking water were taken from sites and hydrants in the port area during the period.

Summary of water sampling activity

	Vessels sampled	Total samples from vessels	Hydrants sampled	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
British Flag	17(4)	27(9)	44(45)	63(45)	8(9)
Foreign Flag	18(15)	38(37)	N/A	32(33)	6(4)
Total	35(19)	65(46)	44(45)	95(78)	14(13)

* figures reported the previous year shown in brackets.

There were a number of unsatisfactory samples taken during the period but all follow up samples were found to be satisfactory and no remedial actions were necessary.

Imported Food

Official controls, which involves documentary checks and 10% sampling, are carried out on all third country imports of certain specified foods and plastics entering the port.

Summary of official controls on imported food and plastics

	Number of Consignments	Document Checks	ID Checks	Samples Physical Checks	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Tea from China (669)	9(6)	9(6)	0(2)	0(2)	0(6)	0 (0)
Other Tea	302(292)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0 (0)
Organic Tea	1(1)	1(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0 (0)
Other Food	26(16)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0 (0)
Plastics	15(1)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0(1)	0 (0)

* figures for the previous year shown in brackets.

No samples were required to be taken during the period.

Infectious Disease Control

A notification was received in May of an outbreak of Norovirus on a cruise ship due to arrive on the Tyne. The outbreak was first reported to the port health authority at the previously visited port before arrival at the Tyne. Officers visited the ship on arrival to ensure proper infection control procedures were being fully implemented.

Officers were satisfied that the outbreak was under control and they were generally pleased with the ship owners response to the ongoing incident. A range of measures had been implemented including confining affected passengers and crew to cabins, suspension of open buffets in the restaurants, and deploying specialist 'hit squads' to disinfect affected areas of the ship.

There were a total of 44 cases confirmed on board at the time the vessel left the Tyne. As this was a relatively small scale outbreak, no formal action was required and the next port of call was notified of the situation.

Income from official controls and other chargeable activity

The table of charges for 2015/16, approved by the Joint Board is set out in **Appendix 2**.

Ship Sanitation Inspection	Food & Plastics Imports - Official Controls	Water Sampling Requests	Total
£2714(£4480)	£NIL	£102	£2816

* figures for the previous year shown in brackets. No figure indicates not previously reported.

Other Activity

Following discussions with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA), greater information sharing has been agreed between the authority and APHA in relation to intelligence on live animal imports via the International Ferry Terminal. A recent joint exercise was conducted in September with a number of vehicles stopped at the terminal but no issues were found.

Monitoring continues for vessels or crew members who may have recently visited West Africa due to the ongoing Ebola outbreak. Total cases has exceed 26,000 with over 11,000 deaths attributed to the disease. The spread of the disease has slowed considerably over recent months with only a handful of new cases being reported each week since early May. This compares to over 100 new cases each week when the outbreak was at its peak.

3.0 Decision Options

This is an information only report.

4.0 Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Shipping trends at the Port of Tyne
Appendix 2 – Table of Charges

5.0 Contact Officers:

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6.0 Background Information:

There are no background papers to this report.

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

1.0 Finance and Other Resources:

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

2.0 Legal:

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

SHIPPING TRENDS SINCE YEAR 2001

YEAR	ARRIVALS	INSPECTIONS	DEFECTS
2005	2214	406	32
2006	2048	316	24
2007	1940	303	30
2008	1772	310	52
2009	1479	195	24
2010	1669	269	13
2011	1928	284	17
2012	1850	357	22
2013	1548	234	2
2014	1466	233	10

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVALS

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
19	19	23	29	23	20	38	33	31	31

Ship Inspection Charges – for Ship Sanitation Control Certificates

The Tyne Port Health Authority has adopted the table of charges set by the Association of Port Health Authorities for Ship Sanitation Control Certificates and Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificates.

SHIP INSPECTION CHARGES – 2015/16

Gross Tonnage	Charge
Up to 1,000 (new band)	£76
1,0001 to 3,000	£112
3,001 – 10,000	£172
10,001 – 20,000	£228
20,001 – 30,000	£290
Over 30,000	£345
Extensions	£50

These charges will apply to all vessels with the exception of:

Vessels with the capacity to carry between 50 and 1,000 persons - £345

Vessels with the capacity to carry more than 1,000 persons - £595

Water Sampling

There is no charge for water samples taken as part of official controls including ship sanitation inspection or as part of routine water quality monitoring.

Water sampling carried out on request will be subject to the following charges

Water Sample	Pro rata £26.00 per hour* plus analysts fees where applicable**
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*includes travel time to and from courier dispatch point.

**analyst fees are not always incurred and will vary depending on type of analysis requested.

Plastic Kitchenware

The following charges will apply to consignments subject to official controls, that is, imports of polyamide and melamine kitchenware falling within CN code 3924 10 00 originating or consigned from China or Hong Kong.

Check, Countersign and Issue of Common Entry Document (CED)	£46.00*
Formal Sample (10%)	Pro rata £26.00 per hour** plus analysts fees***

*discount will be applied to multiple CEDs in a single consignment.

**excludes any port handling fees charged direct by Port of Tyne.

***analysts fees currently approx £420.

Imported Food Sampling

The following charges will apply to consignments of imported food subject to an enhanced level of official controls (under Commission Regulation 669/2009)

Check, Countersign and Issue of CED	£46.00*
Formal Sample (10%)	Pro rata £26.00 per hour** plus analysts fees***

*discount will be applied to multiple CEDs in a single consignment

**excludes any port handling fees charged direct by Port of Tyne

***analysts fees will vary depending on type of analysis