

**Tyne Port Health Authority
Report to the Joint Board
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Subject: Operational Summary 01/09/16 - 31/12/16

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Board of activity during the period 01/09/16 – 31/12/16

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 Authority's 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(13)	11(13)	0(0)

* figures for the same period the previous year shown in brackets.

Summary of other inspections/boardings of ships

Arrivals	Inspections	Major Defects found	Minor Defects found	Revisits/Referrals
Awaiting response from harbourmaster (441)	16 (31)	0(0)	8	3

* figures for the previous year shown in brackets.

No major defects were found and all minor defects were remedied in port. A large number of minor defects reported related to inadequate ship provisions. A number of vessels were found to have inadequate fresh food to last until the next port of call and were required to take on board extra provisions at the port. No matters required referral to the Maritime & Coastguard Agency or the next port of call for follow up action.

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)	10(23)	10(23)	1(1)	1(3)	1(0)	0(0)
Organic Tea	2 (5)	2(5)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)
Other Food	0 (14)	0(3)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0 (0)
Plastics	0(1)	0(1)	0(1)	0(0)	0(0)	0 (0)

* figures for the previous year shown in brackets.

One physical sample was taken and analysed for pesticide residues from China (669). Resample was required due to faulty result from public analyst lab caused by laboratory issuing incorrect sample result. The second of the three samples taken from consignment

was analysed which established a satisfactory result. The public analyst then resampled the first sample which confirmed error in first sample. The importer agreed to the detainment until satisfactory result obtained and consignment was then released.

No issues were found with the organic tea consignments. No other food or plastics were imported.

Water Supply

37 samples of drinking water were taken from 16 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. 34 samples were satisfactory and 3 failed.

1 sample of drinking water were taken from hydrant in the port area during this period.

Summary of water sampling activity

Vessels sampled	Total samples from vessels	Hydrants sampled	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
16 (17)	37(44)	1 (4)	34(32)	3(12)

* 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.

Income from official controls and other chargeable activity

The table of charges for 2016/17, approved by the Joint Board is set out in **Appendix 2**.

Ship Sanitation Inspection	Other (Food & Plastics Imports and Water Sampling)	Total
£3,750 (£3,455)	£332	£4,082 (£6,191)

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

Income from official controls was higher than expected due to receiving a large number of Common Entry Documents for verification and a number of formal samples of tea falling within the period.

Other Activity

Two officers attended the annual general meeting in November which gave updates on changes to port health activities.

Legionella in Merchant Ships. An unrecognised risk? – New guidance from Public Health England aimed at legionella control on merchant ships is due to be published in 2017. The guidance will help officers to make a decision when to sample for legionella based on the water management operations the ship has in place.

Defra Imported Food: electronic – Certificate of Inspection – The certificate of inspection will be an electronic version similar to the TRACES database that is already in use. This will eliminate the current paper version and hopefully make the process run smoother and faster to endorse the certificates. The electronic database is expected to be introduced about the end of October 2017 and training will be made available for port health authorities.

FSA: Head of Imports and Policy – Food Standards Agency are using a GIS mapping system based on HMRC data to map commodities from source to destination.

North Tyneside was on the map as an example due to the large quantities of tea imported in to the Tyne. The intention of the GIS system will help act as an early warning system to inform ports of issues with commodities and this in turn can help the port make a decision if to sample or not. The head of the imported department within the FSA highlighted the sampling budget from the FSA has dramatically decreased and expected to fall again. The FSA sampling budget helps local authorities to pay for sampling when an issue has been highlighted with a specific food not on the 669 list.

Rabies- An exercise on the rabies plan is to be carried out in September 2017 with invitations to be sent to the unitary authorities.

3.0 Decision Options

This is an information only report.

4.0 Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Shipping trends at the Port of Tyne

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 2005

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
2015	1381	203	97
2016	TBC	210	56

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVALS

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
19	23	29	23	20	38	33	31	31	36	48

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 – 2016/17

Gross Tonnage	Charge
Up to 1,000 (new band)	£80
1,0001 to 3,000	£115
3,001 – 10,000	£175
10,001 – 20,000	£230
20,001 – 30,000	£295
Over 30,000	£350
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 - £350

Vessels with the capacity to carry more than 1,000 persons - £600

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