

**Tyne Port Health Authority
Report to the Joint Board
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Subject: Operational Summary 01/09/17 - 31/12/17

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Board of activity during the period 01/09/17 – 31/12/17

1.2 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Joint Board note the report.

2.0 Information

2.1 Operational Summary

Ship Arrivals and Inspections

Ship arrivals and inspections have remained stable with a slight increase in cruise traffic at the port. 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
12 (11)	12 (11)	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
393 (487)	59 (16)	0(0)	6(8)	3(10)

* 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 can involve documentary checks and sampling, are carried out in accordance with directive on all third country imports of certain specified foods and plastics entering the port. This directive stipulates the percentage checks and types of sampling and concerns to be considered. Tea from China requires 10% of consignments to be checked.

Summary of official controls on imported food and plastics 1 Sept to 31 Dec 2017

	Number of Consignments	Document Checks	ID Checks	Samples Physical Checks	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Tea from China (669)	31(10)	31 (10)	2(1)	2(1)	2(0)	0(0)
Organic Tea	1 (2)	1(2)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)	0(0)
Other Food	0 (0)	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.

Two physical samples were taken for two separate consignments and analysed for pesticide residues from China (669). The document checks rely on ensuring that the manifest details match with the common entry document. A few minor errors were found on documents with regard to tonnage of product and missing common entry documents. These issues were rectified by the Agent and the consignments released.

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

Water Supply

42 samples of drinking water were taken from 20 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. The results of water sampling from vessels indicated 30 satisfactory, 9 fail and 3 borderline.

6 samples of drinking water were taken from hydrants in the port area during this period of which there were 3 failures caused by elevated bacteria load.

Summary of water sampling activity

Vessels sampled	Total samples from vessels	Hydrants sampled	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
20 (16)	42(37)	6 (1)	30 (34)	9(3)

* figures reported the previous year are shown in brackets.

All unsatisfactory results were notified to the vessel or agent and when possible 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 2017/18, approved by the Joint Board is set out in **Appendix 2**.

Ship Sanitation Inspection	Other (Food & Plastics Imports and Water Sampling)	Total
£ 3,415 (£3,750)	£1,700.50 (£332)	£5,115.50 (£4,082)

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

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.

The new charges for 2018/19 are set out in agenda item 7.

Other Activity

The food standard agency will be carrying out an imported food audit at Port of Tyne in 24th April 2018. The Port of Tyne has approval as a designated point of entry for food not of animal origin. This places a responsibility upon Tyne Port Health Authority to carry out

official controls of food entering the port. In preparation of the audit, the facilities at the inspection area for imported food have been upgraded by the Port of Tyne and the procedures reviewed.

The audit will entail ensuring compliance with EEC legislation and guidance

Rabies Exercise

The exercise on rabies was completed in December with officials from Animal Plant Health Agency (APHA agency), Public Health England and representative from the Port of Tyne. The APHA highlighted that symptoms of rabies are similar to other diseases such as distemper. The diagnosis of rabies must be confirmed by laboratory analysis sampling and the results would take a minimum of 8 hours. The exercise highlighted the importance of the enforcement of animal and the use of health and safety legislation for containment. APHA indicated that they would not declare an infected place unless physical proof that animals had rabies and there was a risk to the public. The exercise highlighted that regional resources would be needed for the containment of animals in case of infected place.

DFDS

Passenger and cruise ships are currently being encouraged to meet higher hygiene and communicable diseases standards as set out by The Shipsan Act, an European Joint Action funded Health Programme.

This has lead to the DFDS increasing the frequency of water sampling from monthly microbiological sampling and 6 monthly legionella sampling in accordance to the EU manual for Hygiene Standards and Communicable Disease Surveillance on Passenger Ships

The port authority have agreed to carry out this additional sampling and will provide an additional annual income of 1680 pounds.

3.0 Decision Options

This is an information only report.

4.0 Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Shipping trends at the Port of Tyne

Appendix 2 – Fees and 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 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	1621	210	56
2017	1312	195	20

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVALS

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
19	23	29	23	20	38	33	31	31	36	48	51

Fees and Charges

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.

These charges are reviewed annually by the Association of Port Health Authorities. Any changes to fees will be notified to port health shipping agents prior to implementation.

SHIP INSPECTION CHARGES – 2017/18

Gross Tonnage	Charge
Up to 1,000	£85
1,0001 to 3,000	£120
3,001 – 10,000	£180
10,001 – 20,000	£235
20,001 – 30,000	£305
Over 30,000	£360
Vessels with the capacity to carry between 50 and 1,000 persons	£360
Vessels with the capacity to carry more than 1,000 persons	£615
Extensions	£55

Please note that there is a charge for vessel inspection following notification from another Competent Authority of conditions on board requiring further investigation of 55 pounds. The table of charges does not include extra charges which may be applied for additional costs incurred by the Authority such as launch hire or sampling and analytical fees.

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., The charging of common entry documents CED are determined by Food Standards Agency.

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