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Good Morning/Afternoon,

In preparation for the UK's exit from the EU, Mersey Port Health Authority will be undertaking a surveillance project of European products. The aim of the project is to monitor the nature and type of products being presented at the Port of Liverpool, some products may be subject to surveillance sampling.

In preparation for this we ask agents to check Destin8 for the status of your container. If your container is manifested as 'C' status within the CSD field of Destin8, and you receive a Port Health status update of "Detain", it is likely that we will require further information in order for the release of your container.

- In the first instance we will ask you to supply commercial documents such as the bill of lading, packing list, invoice and an ingredients list. We will conduct checks on the ingredients list, following this you may receive a further request seeking clarification of the original Country of Origin of some of these ingredients. *For example, if your product is "chilli sauce" we will ask for the ingredients list and the original country of origin of the chilli (i.e. where the chilli was grown and sourced from). We are mainly interested in products and ingredients which are currently regulated if they were to come from a third country (outside the EU).*
- If your consignment is selected for surveillance sampling, the Port Health status within Destin8 will again change (to either B, E or L), the consignment will then be released following this sampling. Prior to sampling we will ask if the container been fumigated or not. If it has been fumigated a "Gas Free" check will take place at the Port of Liverpool, ensuring safety for officers when opening the container.
- During sampling, a small sample size will be taken of the product by our offices. The container will then be re- sealed and released for collection, pending results. Results will be made available after approximately 10 days and shared with relevant interested parties.
- For consignments selected for surveillance sampling, all costs associated with the sampling process ONLY, (i.e. container movement, sampling analysis charge, turnout charge etc.) will be funded by Mersey Port Health Authority.

We are circulating this email to allow agents to be prepared for these checks to minimise delays and in order for the smooth checks and release of the container.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter then please contact the Authority immediately via email (port.health@liverpool.gov.uk)

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