LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

Promoting City, Coast & Countryside

LIVE BIVALVE MOLLUSCS / LIVE SHELLFISH REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS

Regulation (EC) No.853/2004 – Article 7 / Annex III, Section VII, Chapter I

There is a **legal requirement** for each batch/consignment of shellfish being removed from a designated shellfish production area to be accompanied by a Registration Document.

Lancaster City Council is the enforcement authority for the shellfish beds at Morecambe Bay East and part of the Lune, blank uniquely numbered Registration Documents can be obtained from:

Lancaster City Council
Environmental Health Service
Morecambe Town Hall

Tel: (01524) 582703

Please phone between 9am - 4pm to order, documents can then be either posted to you or collected from Morecambe Town Hall reception.

Information about species, location of production area and destination and treatment of the shellfish will be required prior to the issuing of documents.

If you are not gathering from a production area within Lancaster City Councils area you should contact the local authority who cover the production area and they will issue you with documents for that area.

Documents are issued in duplicate (pre-carbonated) and must be completed by the person responsible for the removal of the shellfish from the bed.

1 copy must be sent with the batch of shellfish to the re-laying area, purification, or heat treatment premises, and the other retained for 12 months by you.

Authorised officers of Lancaster City Council have the authority to inspect Registration Documents held by harvesters in order to ensure that they are being completed and used correctly.

Officers will make random visits to worked shellfish production areas in order to check documents, they may also ask to see previously completed documents to verify that they are being filled in and used correctly.

Should you require any further information about your legal obligations in respect of the Registration Document system please contact:

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The Registration Document System's main aim is to safeguard public Health by maintaining a level of traceability within the chain of harvesting, movement, relaying (where appropriate), purification or heat treatment to the final consumer. This allows for recall of product if a food safety incident occurs, e.g. algal toxins discovered in harvesting waters, food poisoning outbreak etc.