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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am sure you are all aware of growing concerns over Bird Flu, possible re-emergence of BSE and other strange bacteria.

As a consequence of this there are an increasing number of regulations and requirements placed upon the Harbour Authority and its servants.

Waste and sewage are an obvious concern when it comes to transmitting disease and are the subjects of regulation and monitoring.

I would appreciate therefore if all craft returning from outside the UK including Channel Islands could please notify me on their return and advise me as to what they have done with their waste and sewage.

If they have called at a non-EU port (the Channel Islands count as EU for the purpose of these regulations) PLEASE PLEASE do not take any catering waste off the vessel or attempt to dispose of it at sea. Contact the Harbour Master who can make the necessary arrangements

For those persons wishing to look into these matters more fully the pertinent documents that apply are:-

The Merchant Ship and Fishing Vessels (port waste reception facilities)(amendment) regs 2006.

The Products of Animal Origin (third country imports) SI 2004/3388.

Yours faithfully,

Captain David P Platt
Harbour Master