

To: District Council Chief EHO's  
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NIFLG Members  
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Eurofins – Ron Ennion

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Reference: **ENF/NI/08/021**

Dear Colleagues,

**UNAUTHORISED “Bt 63” GENETIC MODIFICATION IN SPECIFIED PRODUCTS FROM CHINA**

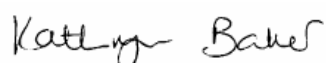
Further to the Food Alert issued on 10 April and Michael Jackson's letter of the same date, I am writing to confirm that national legislation is now in operation which implements, in Northern Ireland, Commission Decision 2008/289/EC on emergency measures regarding the unauthorised genetically modified organism 'Bt63' in rice products.

The Specified Products from China (Restriction on First Placing on the Market) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008, came into operation, at the same time as the Commission Decision, on 15 April.

Please find a copy of the Regulations attached in PDF format. The Regulations can also be found on the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) website at the following location:

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2008/nisr\\_20080171\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sr/sr2008/nisr_20080171_en_1)

Yours sincerely,



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