



Member Report

Performance Summary for River Tees Port Health Authority August 2024 to October 2024

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To: River Tees Port Health Authority **Date:** 13 Dec 2024

From: Corporate Director - Growth Enterprise Environment **Decision type:** For information

Portfolio: Health, Housing and Welfare **Forward Plan reference:** N/A

Priority: All priorities

Ward(s): ALL

1 What is the recommendation?

1.1 For information purposes only.

2 What part of the Corporate Plan does this report deliver and how, and what options have been considered?

2.1 This report provides an overview of the performance from 01 August 2024 to 31 October 2024.

2.2 Shipping movements through the River Tees

Shipping movements are consistent throughout the year with Stockton, and Redcar and Cleveland having the most berths and as such the most visits by ships. The Stockton (North Tees) side of the river mainly deals with petrochemicals, including oil, gas and other chemicals, and Redcar and Cleveland hosts the container and ro-ro (roll on-roll off) berths.

2.3

Authority	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Grand Total
Hartlepool	4	4	5	13
Middlesbrough	12	13	9	34
Redcar & Cleveland	126	123	130	379
Stockton	104	100	106	310
Grand Total	246	240	250	736

2.4

Ship Inspections and Issue of Ship Sanitation Certificates

All requests for renewal of a Ship Sanitation Certificate were attended to. Whilst all UK Covid restrictions have been lifted, officers continue to take precautions prior to boarding a vessel.

All ships must supply a Declaration of Health prior to officers boarding; any sign of infectious disease on board will be risk assessed prior to boarding.

2.5 Ship Inspections

Authority	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Grand Total
Hartlepool				
Exemption	0	0	1	1
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Middlesbrough				
Exemption	0	1	1	2
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Redcar & Cleveland				
Exemption	2	2	1	5
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Stockton				
Exemption	1	3	4	8
Routine	0	0	0	0
Control	0	0	0	0
Total	3	6	7	16

2.6 Water Samples – ship and jetty supplies

All requests for water samples are attended to where there is availability for the laboratory to collect the samples within an appropriate time frame. The laboratory can collect samples Monday to Friday; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are dedicated free pick-up times, and Monday and Friday are ad-hoc collections which incur an additional charge to the ship.

Any unsatisfactory samples are provided with advice and information and a recommendation to resample at their next port of call.

2.7 Ship Water Sample Results

Type of sample	Outcome	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Total
Ship Bacteriological	Satisfactory	5	2	14	21
	Unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0
Ship Legionella	Satisfactory	4	2	7	13
	Unsatisfactory	2	1	0	3
Jetty Water	Satisfactory	0	0	1	1
	Unsatisfactory	0	0	0	0
	Grand Total	11	5	22	38

2.8 Imported Food and Feed

All official controls are carried out within relevant timescales, and this varies depending on the type of product and regulation requirements.

Our main imports are Products of Animal Origin (POAO) from within the EU, the majority being supermarket pre-packed foods. These are split into Medium and Low risk foods. Around 34% are medium risk products including pre-packed meats, salami, cheeses made from raw milk, and fishery products, and 66% low risk, including yogurts, pet food, pasteurised milk products (milk, milk drinks and cheeses).

Other imports include fishery products for Illegal Unreported Unregulated Checks for wild caught fish, high risk food not of animal origin, organic imports, and food contact items.

2.9 Product of Animal Origin (POAO)

Imports of POAO are risk rated, low, medium and high. Low risk products include pasteurised dairy products, ambient stable goods, and pet food. Medium risk products include meat and fishery products. High risk products include live animals and germinal products.

	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Total
POAO	1897	1962	2287	6146

2.10 IUU (Illegal Unreported Unregulated Checks)

Imports of fish from the EU require catch certificate endorsement and/or a processing statement check. Most Tees imports are containers and trailers with processed fishery products, such as tinned tuna, fish fingers and surimi (mixed fish sticks) on board.

	Aug 24	Sept 24	Oct 24	Total
Fishery products	64	86	125	275

2.11 Organics

The service has certified a total of 5 consignment of organic imports between August to October 2024. These were coffee and wine imports.

2.12 Health Entry Documents for High-Risk Food not of Animal Origin (HRFNAO)

The service received one consignments of high-risk food not of animal origin during August to October 2024. This was Tea from China.

2.13 Plastic Kitchenware from China and Hong Kong

The service received no consignments of plastic kitchenware during August to October 2024.

2.14 Infectious disease notifications

There were no incidents of infectious disease notifications between August to October 2024.

2.15 Teesside Airport

There have been no imports of food or feed through the airport between August to October 2024.

2.16 Policies and Plans

All policies and plans have been reviewed and updated where required and were presented at the June 2024 Board meeting. They are now available to view on our website at www.teesporthealth.co.uk

3 Who has been consulted and engaged?

3.1 Senior Officers of the Riparian Authorities.

4 What are the risks and resource implications?

4.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

5 Appendices and further information

5.1 There are no appendices with this report.

6 Background papers

6.1 No background papers other than published works were used in writing this report.

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