

Nigel Jenney  
Fresh Produce Consortium

12<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Dear Nigel,

**Re: Possible Felixstowe Industrial action 21<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August**

Following your email to Kelvin Hughes, please see below the message which APHA has published to the trade on our various platforms.

“In the event of an industrial dispute at any port where Plant Health Regulated Goods are inspected, (such as the proposed one at Felixstowe, 21-29<sup>th</sup> August) APHA staff will continue to be available to inspect consignments as normal. Any additional consignments which may be rerouted to other ports will be assessed by APHA as usual. Additional staff and operating hours will be under constant review to ensure the maintenance of published Service level agreements for the import inspections of Plant Health regulated goods. To avoid delays, please ensure all consignments are declared in line with statutory requirements”

I will be monitoring application levels at other ports to assess whether we need to change our resource levels. At the moment I can confidently say we have sufficient resource in place to facilitate any movements in the trade away from Felixstowe in the short term.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or updates.

Yours sincerely,



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