



IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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IMPORTATION OF FRESH MEAT FROM BOTSWANA

Purpose

1. To advise you that imports of fresh deboned meat from veterinary disease zone VDZ 6 in Botswana will be able to resume as from 18 August.

Background

2. [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 206/2010](#) lays down the third country list and conditions for the importation into the EU of fresh meat. Botswana is included in the list of countries eligible to export deboned and matured fresh meat to the EU and is regionalised due to its disease status.
3. In March 2013 a Commission audit in Botswana concluded that the risk of transmission of foot and mouth disease from the VDZ 6 could not be considered negligible. Imports of fresh meat from that zone were therefore suspended from 28 May 2013.
4. In October 2015 a further Commission audit concluded that the shortcomings that had been identified in 2013 had been resolved and the competent authorities in Botswana are able to offer satisfactory guarantees with regards to compliance with EU FMD requirements on the production of fresh meat in VDZ 6.
5. In accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) 2016/1248](#), the importation into the EU of fresh deboned meat can therefore be resumed as of 18 August.



Action for OVSs

6. To note the above.

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