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OVS Note/2020/08

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Removal of South Africa from third country list for imports of fresh meat and meat products of ungulates.

Purpose

1. To advise you of the removal of South Africa from the list of third countries approved for imports of fresh meat and meat products of ungulates into the Union.

Background

2. In February 2017 an EU Commission audit carried out in South Africa identified shortcomings in the effectiveness of official controls and staffing.
3. Commission Decision 2011/163 sets out a list of third countries whose plans are approved by the Commission for monitoring residue/substance in animal and animal products intended for human consumption. South Africa only has an approved residue plan for wild game meat.
4. As a result, the Commission has removed South Africa described as ZA-1 from the lists of third country approved to export fresh meat and meat products to the EU. This is published in the [Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) 2020/386](#) amending the list of Part 1 and 3 of Annex II to [Commission Decision 2007/777](#) (as amended) as regards to meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines and Part 1 of Annex II to [Regulation \(EU\) 206/2010](#) (as amended) as regards to the list of third countries authorised for imports of fresh meat of ungulates.



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5. Regulation (EU) 2020/386 also amends the list of Part 2 of Annex II to Decision 2007/777 by replacing the entry for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia from the list of third countries with the Republic of North Macedonia described as 'MK'.

Action for OVSS

6. To note the above information.

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