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IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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EU Exit information

Purpose

To provide an amendment to the information on EU Exit information OVS Note 2020/27.

Background

1. The Point 2 in the 'EU Phased Import Regime' section in the OVS Note 2020/27 should be removed and amended as follows:

Until April 2021, if EU POAO are subject to safeguard measures because of a new or emerging disease and the relevant commodity code is unavailable in IPAFFS, the GB importer should notify APHA CIT manually via email. This is to facilitate the Unique Notification Number (UNN) process to the importer and to keep records of the consignments of POAO imported under safeguard measures. The information will be then passed to either Local authorities or FSA if any checks are required. Full updated guidance is available on gov.uk via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/importing-or-moving-live-animals-animal-products-and-high-risk-food-and-feed-not-of-animal-origin>

Port Health Authorities will conduct remote documentary checks on POAO from the EU from 1 April 2021.

2. Please note an additional point regarding third country imports, e-certificates produced via TRACES will not be accepted as BCPs no longer have access to TRACES. However, a proportionate approach to enforcement should be taken until 31 March 2021. For example, if a consignment was pre-notified prior or after 1 January 2021 on TRACES, OVSs can request the printed or scanned version of the certificate from TRACES and accept it as the original, provided the competent authority from the third country confirms the certificate was correctly issued prior to dispatch. A letter must be sent to the operator to confirm TRACES should not be used for sending e-certificates. If the operator or third country competent authority confirm a printed copy cannot be provided, OVSs can contact Defra who may be able to obtain a copy from TRACES.

Action for OVSs

To note the contents of this OVS note.

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