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## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE) STATUS FOR CANADA AND IRELAND

#### Purpose

1. To inform you that the World Organisation of Animal Health (WOAH, formerly OIE) has updated the risk status for bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) from 'controlled' to 'negligible' for Canada and Ireland.

#### Background

2. A review of the WOAH assessment has been carried out by Defra in consultation with the Food Standards Agency and Food Standards Scotland. Based on that review Defra, Scottish and Welsh Governments have agreed to recognise the change in BSE risk status of Canada and Ireland to negligible.
3. Official veterinarians in Canada and Ireland must be aware of this change when certifying exports of certain bovine, ovine and caprine commodities to Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales).
4. This can be found via following links:
  - [animal health status of countries approved to export animals and animal products to Great Britain](#)
  - [countries approved to export animals and animal products to Great Britain](#).

#### Action for OVSs

5. BCPs to note that the above changes.

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