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IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN BOTSWANA

Purpose

1. [OVS note 2022/17](#) advised of outbreak foot and mouth disease Botswana.

Background

2. Botswana is approved for the importation into GB of the commodities listed in the Annex.
3. The outbreak is in zone 6b of Botswana which is in the Territory described as BW-5 in the [list of countries approved to export fresh meat](#) to Great Britain.
4. The competent authorities in Botswana have put in place various measures to control the spread of disease, including a countrywide movement standstill (FMD susceptible animals), tracing of animal movements and suspension of exports of live FMD susceptible animals, beef, fresh meat, and raw animal products.
5. Defra has made an initial assessment of the situation and as the extent of the outbreak of disease in Botswana is yet to be determined, all imports into GB of fresh meat and by-products of ungulates processed after 28th July 2022 continue to be suspended.
6. As before, if you receive any consignments for fresh meat or animal by products that have not had a risk mitigating heat treatment please hold and notify APHA for further advice.
7. Please also be aware of any consignments that may be consigned from other approved southern African countries where the meat originates from Botswana produced after 28 July.

8. We will keep you informed of developments

Action for OVSS

9. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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Annex

- Fresh meat of ungulates (Retained EU Regulation 2010/206):
 - Vet certificates BOV, OVI, RUF, RUW
- Meat products (Retained EU Decision 2007/777):
 - Domestic bovine, farmed cloven-hoofed game- (excluding swine) (heat treatment B)
 - Domestic ovine/ caprine (heat treatment B)
 - Domestic porcine, farmed cloven hoofed game (swine) (heat treatment B)
 - Wild cloven-hoofed game (excluding swine) (heat treatment B)
 - Wild swine (heat treatment B)
- Milk and milk products (Retained EU Regulation 2010/605):
 - Column C (heat treated)
- Residue control plans (Retained EU Decision 2011/163):
 - Bovine only
- Certain animal by-products (Retained EU Regulation 142/2011)

Meat products are listed for heat treatment B = Treatment in a hermetically sealed container to an F₀ value of three or more. This mitigates the risk of FMD.

Milk products - Column C = Treatment effectiveness recognised to mitigate the risk of FMD.