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REVOCATION OF RESIDUE CONTROL PLAN APPROVAL FOR HONEY FROM GHANA

Purpose

1. To advise you that Ghana has been removed from the list of countries with an approved residue control plan (RCP) for honey products.

Background

2. All trading partners with approved RCPs are required to submit their latest residue control monitoring plans and the results of the previous year's monitoring annually.
3. Ghana's annual submission was received last year and has been assessed by the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD). The VMD identified a number of serious deficiencies with Ghana's submission.
4. These deficiencies mean that Ghana has been unable to demonstrate compliance with GB monitoring requirements for veterinary residues in honey.
5. This constitutes a serious food safety risk as the UK lacks assurances that Ghana has the appropriate controls in place to ensure that honey from Ghana is free of residues that could be potentially harmful to public health in this country.
6. On the 28 April the list of non-EU trading partners with approved residue control plans (published [here](#)) was amended to remove Ghana's approval for honey.

Action for OVSS

7. To note the above information.

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