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FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN BOTSWANA – LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS

Purpose

1. [OVS note 2022/18](#) advised you of the situation in Botswana following an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.

Background

2. In August 2022, following an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in a previously free region (6b), imports of fresh meat of ungulates from Botswana were suspended.
3. Defra has reviewed the action taken by the Botswanan authorities and concluded that the outbreak has been successfully contained and controlled. Consequently, the suspension on imports of fresh meat of ungulates have been lifted, with the exception of disease control zone 6b which still remains under restriction.
4. This means that imports of fresh meat covered by the BOV OVI RUF and RUW health certificates can now resume from the zones BW-1, BW-2, BW-3, BW-4 and BW-5, subject to the opening and closing dates in column 7 and 8 of the [Fresh Meat List](#).
5. A new zone has been created for disease control one 6b (BW-6). Imports of fresh meat of ungulates from that zone remain suspended.

Action for OVSS

6. To note the above information.

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