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IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE – SAFEGUARD MEASURE

Purpose

1. To advise that a [safeguard measure](#) has been introduced in relation to Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

Background

2. CWD is a highly contagious and fatal disease that affects most wild and farmed deer species and has been reported in certain countries in the EU and the rest of the world. It is therefore necessary to introduce a safeguard measure to control imports of certain animal and animal product from affected countries in order to:
 - Suspend urine hunting lures derived from cervids originating in or dispatched from the United States of America, Canada, Republic of Korea, Norway, Sweden, or Finland.
 - Suspend live cervids originating in or dispatched from Norway, Sweden, or Finland (imports of live cervids are not permitted from Canada, the USA and Republic of Korea).

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3. In addition, fresh cervid meat originating in or dispatched from
 - USA and Canada must be accompanied by a health certificate confirming that supplementary guarantee (G) for chronic wasting disease provided in the veterinary certificate RUF or RUW.
 - Norway, Sweden, or Finland must comply with the supplementary guarantee for chronic wasting disease regarding
 - exclusion of offals and spinal cord; and
 - testing and origin of cervid animals in relation to chronic wasting disease as referred to in the models of veterinary certificates RUF or RUW (Please note, although compliance with the guarantee will be required from 23 June 2023, certificates for fresh cervid meat will only be required from 31 October 2023, in accordance with the Target Operating Model).
4. Similar action is being for imports into Scotland, Wales and the Crown Dependencies.

Action for OVSs

5. To Note the above for information.

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