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Food & Rural Affairs

IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS – IMPORTS FROM THE EU

Purpose

1. To advise that imports of certain chilled minced meats and chilled meat preparations from the EU, other EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Switzerland to Great Britain, can continue when health certification requirements come into effect on 31 January 2024.

Background

2. Chilled minced meats and chilled meat preparations are classified as 'medium risk' under the [Target Operating Model](#) so from 31 January 2024 will require an Export Health Certificate (EHC) to enter Great Britain.

Official veterinarians in the EU, other EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Switzerland will be permitted to strike through the deep-freezing clauses PH/P100 and PH/P109 in export health certificates. This means that we will continue to accept chilled goods produced in accordance with Section V of Annex III of Regulation (EC) No 853/2004.

This will apply to the following EHCs for imports from 31 January 2024:

- GBHC300 Fresh meat, including minced meat, of domestic bovine animals
- GBHC310 Fresh meat, including minced meat, of domestic porcine animals
- GBHC320 Fresh meat, including minced meat, of domestic ovine and caprine animals
- GBHC350 Meat preparations

Defra are working with the Food Standards Agency to develop a longer-term policy that can apply consistently to imports of minced meats and meat preparations from all countries from 30 April 2024. This will be communicated as soon as possible.

Action for OVSs

2. To note the above information.

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