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OUTBREAK OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER IN MONTENEGRO

Purpose

1. To inform you of an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Montenegro and new import restrictions.

Background

2. Montenegro confirmed an outbreak of ASF in wild boar on 14 January 2024. This is the first reported outbreak of ASF in Montenegro.
3. In accordance with Retained EU Decision 2007/777, Montenegro was listed as approved (see [here](#)) for the importation into GB of the following meat products that are susceptible to ASF:
 - a. Domestic porcine, farmed cloven hoofed game (swine) (treatment 'D').
 - b. Wild swine (treatment 'D').
4. Treatment 'D' (see Annex) does not effectively mitigate the risk of ASF. The approvals for Montenegro have therefore been updated to require heat treatment C (see Annex) (minimum temperature of 80°C), which is an effective mitigation against ASF.
5. If you receive any consignments of meat products from Montenegro that have not had risk mitigating heat treatment 'C' applied or a more severe treatment please hold and notify APHA for further advice.
6. We will keep you informed of any further developments.

Action for OVSs

7. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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Annex

Treatments as specific in Part 4 of Annex II to REUL 2007/777

- C A minimum temperature of 80 °C which must be reached throughout the meat and/or stomachs, bladders and intestines during the processing of the meat product and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines.
- D A minimum temperature of 70 °C which must be reached throughout the meat and/or stomachs, bladders and intestines during the processing of meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines, or for raw ham, a treatment consisting of natural fermentation and maturation of not less than nine months and resulting in the following characteristics:
- Aw value of not more than 0.93
 - pH value of not more than 6.0.