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For feed and food law enforcement, and port health authorities in England

Milk from Colombia contaminated with Steroids

Summary: Changes in the European Commission's approval of Colombian dairy may lead to an increase of imports. Ports should be aware of this and take surveillance sampling of this commodity.

Dear colleague,

We have been made aware of the European Commission not allowing dairy products from Colombia from being placed on their market. The decision to amend the list of approved veterinary residue plans was made due to concerns regarding the presence of steroids, particularly Oestradiol and Estradiol.

Because of this restriction, milk products from Columbia may be diverted to the Great Britain market. Colombia has [Column C approval](#) for the import of dairy products under assimilated Regulation 605/2010. At present, we are not aware of any imports of dairy products from Colombia, but this European Union disapproval may lead to a change in trade routes.

The 2024-25 National Monitoring Plan will shortly be circulated and has identified this commodity for sampling. We would encourage Port Health Authorities to sample this commodity when they have the opportunity. Please contact imported.food@food.gov.uk if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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