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CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER IN BULGARIA AND ROMANIA

Purpose

1. To advise you about continued restrictions on imports into Great Britain of porcine animals and products due to the Classical Swine Fever (CSF) disease status of Bulgaria and Romania.

Background

2. Bulgaria and Romania were placed under restriction due to their CSF status in accordance with EU legislation that came into force in 2013.
3. The UK carried forward these restrictions on EU Exit. Restrictions on the import of live domestic and wild pigs, fresh pig meat, meat preparations and meat products consisting of or containing meat of pigs, and porcine semen are reflected in the following third country lists:
 - [Live ungulates](#)
 - [Fresh meat of ungulates](#)
 - [Meat products](#)
 - [Porcine semen](#)
4. While the EU has since lifted the restrictions on Bulgaria, the United Kingdom does not recognise either Romania or Bulgaria as free of CSF. As such, the restrictions mentioned above continue to apply.
5. The CSF restrictions mentioned are independent of the African Swine Fever (ASF) restrictions also in place for the two countries.

6. From 31 January 2024, under the Border Target Operating Model (BTOM), GB requires products of animal origin and animal by-products from the EU to be certified. From 30 April 2024, checks may also take place at the border.
7. Despite the restrictions in place due to CSF, we have received import figures for fresh pig meat from these two countries since EU Exit that indicate that some consignments may have been imported into GB.

Action for OVSs

8. To note the above and remind BCP officials that imports of the following commodities from Bulgaria and Romania remain restricted:
 - Live domestic and wild pigs
 - Fresh pig meat
 - Meat preparations and meat products consisting of or containing meat of pigs
 - Porcine semen
 - Porcine ova and embryos

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