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IMPORT OF MINCED MEAT, MEAT PREPARATIONS & MECHANICALLY SEPARATED MEAT (MSM)

Purpose

1. To clarify temporary health certification requirements for minced meat, meat preparations and MSM (pig or poultry) imported from the European Economic Area (EEA) the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Switzerland to Great Britain.

Background

2. Pending publication of updated health certificates, we have agreed the following approach for minced meat, meat preparations and MSM (pig or poultry) imported from the EEA, the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Switzerland.
3. For chilled minced meat (bovine, porcine, ovine and caprine) and meat preparations produced in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004, certifying OVs should strikethrough conditions PH/P100 and PH/P109 in the following [health certificates](#), requiring goods to be frozen to an internal temperature of not more than -18°C:
 - a. GBHC300 Fresh meat, including minced meat, of domestic bovine animals.
 - b. GBHC310 Fresh meat, including minced meat, of domestic porcine animals.
 - c. GBHC320 Fresh meat, including minced meat, of domestic ovine and caprine animals.
 - d. GBHC350 Meat preparations.
4. For minced poultry meat and pig and poultry MSM produced in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 853/2004, certifying OVs should use the following model [health certificates](#):
 - a. GBHC330 Poultry meat, for minced poultry meat and poultry MSM.
 - b. GBHC310 Porcine fresh/ minced meat, for pig MSM.

5. Details of policy on importing minced meat, meat preparations and mechanically separated meat (pig or poultry) are [available](#).
6. Health certificates for minced meat, meat preparations and MSM (pig or poultry) are scheduled to be updated at the end of July 2024.

Action for OVSs

7. To note the above information.

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