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### Restrictions to imports of fresh porcine meat and porcine and wild swine meat products from areas of European Union Member States with outbreaks of African Swine Fever in Wild Boar

#### Purpose

1. To inform you of new restrictions on the import of fresh porcine meat and meat products susceptible to African Swine Fever (ASF) from areas of EU Member States with outbreaks of ASF in wild boar.

#### Background

2. When the United Kingdom left the European Union, several model export health certificates (EHCs) were created for use by EU Member States for products under safeguard measures.
3. These included several health certificates (outlined in Annex 1, Column A) that permitted imports of porcine meat and meat products from areas of EU Member States with confirmed ASF outbreaks in wild boar, as had been the case when the UK was part of the EU. These areas are those listed under Part II in the “Regions of European Union Member States restricted due to African Swine Fever outbreaks” document published [here](#) and linked to in the entries for ASF-affected EU countries in the [fresh meat of ungulates third country list](#).
4. These safeguard certificates were always intended as an interim solution, and it was agreed earlier this year that they could only be used until 30 June 2024. From 1 July 2024, EU Member States are required to use the corresponding standard model EHCs published on gov.uk (outlined in Annex 1, Column B).

5. These standard certificates require fresh porcine meat to come from countries that have been free of ASF for 12 months. They also require meat products susceptible to ASF from ASF-affected areas to be treated in such a way to mitigate against ASF. The change in certification requirements therefore means that:
  - a) imports of fresh porcine meat from areas of EU Member States with confirmed outbreaks of ASF in wild boar will no longer be permitted
  - b) porcine meat products and wild swine meat products from those areas must be subject to heat treatment 'C' (minimum temperature of 80°C).
6. To reflect the first of these changes, the [fresh meat of ungulates list](#) has been updated, with the 'POR' certificate removed from all entries relating to areas of EU Member States with confirmed ASF outbreaks in wild boar (i.e. those listed in Part II of [this document](#)).
7. To reflect the second of these changes, the [meat products list](#) has been updated to stipulate that the following meat products from ASF-affected areas of EU Member States are only permitted if they have undergone heat treatment 'C':
  - a. Domestic porcine, farmed cloven hoofed game (swine)
  - b. Wild swine.
8. Imports of fresh porcine meat from areas of EU Member States that are free of ASF (including those listed in Part I of [this document](#)) are unaffected by this change and continue to be permitted.
9. Imports of fresh porcine meat from areas of EU Member States with confirmed outbreaks in domestic pigs (listed in Part III of [this document](#)) were already restricted and continue to be so.

### **Action for OVSs**

10. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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## Annex I

Column A	Column B
<b>Model EHC for products under safeguard measure (to be withdrawn on 20 June 2024)</b>	<b>Corresponding model EHC (to be used by EU Member States from 1 July 2024)</b>
<b>GBHC156E/SM</b> - Fresh meat from the EU transit or storage under safeguard measures 206/2010	<b>GBHC372</b> - Transit or storage of fresh meat (FM-T/S)
<b>GBHC115E/SM</b> - Meat preparations MP-PREP from the EU under safeguard measures 2000/572	<b>GBHC350</b> - Meat preparations (MP-PREP)
<b>GBHC116E/SM</b> - Meat preparations transit or storage MP-PREP-T/S from the EU under safeguard measures 2000/572	<b>GBHC351</b> - Meat preparations intended for transit or storage (MP-PREP-T/S)
<b>GBHC127E/SM</b> - Meat products from the EU under safeguard measures 2007/777	<b>GBHC352</b> - Certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines (MP-PROD)
<b>GBHC128E/SM</b> - Meat products transit or storage from the EU under safeguard measures 2007/777	<b>GBHC353</b> - certain meat products and treated stomachs, bladders and intestines for transit or storage (MP-PROD-T/S)
<b>GBHC024E/SM</b> - POR (porcine meat) from the EU under safeguard measures 206/2010	<b>GBHC310</b> - Fresh meat, including minced meat, of domestic porcine animals ( <i>Sus scrofa</i> ) (POR)