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IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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IMPORT OF RAW MILK AND RAW DAIRY PRODUCTS FROM OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS FROM GREECE

Purpose

1. To inform you that, owing to a recent outbreak of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) in Greece, consignments from Greece of raw milk and raw dairy products derived from ovine and caprine animals (GBHC 410 and 411) should be held.

Background

2. Greece notified WOAHP on 11 July 2024 of an outbreak of PPR in a mixed herd of sheep and goats in Thessaly (Central Greece): [WAHIS \(woah.org\)](https://www.woah.org/).
3. Live sheep and goats and ovine and caprine germinal products are currently restricted from Greece due to a recent outbreak of Sheep Pox and Goat Pox.
4. A safeguard declaration is also already in place to prohibit the import of untreated ovine and caprine hides and skins from Greece due to Sheep Pox and Goat Pox.
5. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance is assessing the need for further restrictions on other products of animal origin and animal by-products.
6. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance will update its listings in due course to reflect any necessary restrictions that will be required for imports. A separate OVS note will be issued when this has taken place.
7. In the meantime, any consignments from Greece of raw milk and raw dairy products derived from sheep or goats should be held, with the UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance contacted for advice at ukassurance@defra.gov.uk.

Action for OVSs

8. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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