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Restrictions on imports from Greece of imports of raw milk and raw dairy products derived from ovine and caprine animals due to outbreaks of peste des petits ruminants

Purpose

1. To inform you of restrictions on imports from Greece of raw milk and raw dairy products derived from ovine and caprine animals in response to outbreaks of peste des petits ruminants (PPR).

Background

2. Greece notified WOAHP on 11 July of an outbreak of PPR in a mixed herd of sheep and goats in Thessaly in Central Greece ([WAHIS](#)). A further two outbreaks, in close proximity to the first, have since been declared ([WAHIS](#)).
3. On 16 July, an OVS note was issued to inform of the PPR outbreak and request that consignments from Greece of raw milk and raw dairy products derived from sheep and goats (GBHC 410 and 411) be held, as an interim measure, while the UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance assessed the situation and the need for additional import restrictions.
4. Having assessed the situation and the risk of infection posed by raw milk and dairy products, it has been decided that imports from Greece of raw milk and dairy products derived from sheep and goats should be temporarily suspended.
5. An updated version of the Milk and Milk Products list (see [here](#)) has been published today, with a footnote added to Greece's entry in column A stipulating that imports of raw milk and raw dairy products from ovine and caprine animals are no longer permitted.

6. Imports from Greece of raw milk and dairy products from animals other than sheep and goats are unaffected by the new restrictions and continue to be permitted.
7. Similarly, imports from Greece of treated milk and dairy products derived from ovine and caprine animals (Columns B and C in the abovementioned list) are unaffected, with imports continuing to be permitted.
8. As noted in the earlier OVS note, imports from Greece of other affected ovine and caprine commodities are already restricted due to the sheep pox and goat pox outbreak confirmed in October 2023. Imports of the following ovine and caprine commodities continue to be suspended from the whole territory of Greece:
 - Live sheep and goats (as set out in the 'live ungulates' list, published [here](#))
 - Germplasm (as set out in the 'ovine and caprine ova and embryos' and 'ovine and caprine semen' lists, published [here](#) and [here](#))
 - Fresh or chilled skins and hides (as set out in the safeguard declarations published here published [here](#) for England, [here](#) for Scotland and [here](#) for Wales.)
9. The UK Office is continuing to assess the need for further restrictions on other products of animal origin and animal by-products. An additional OVS note will be issued if additional restrictions are implemented.

Action for OVSs

To note the contents of this OVS note.

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