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IMPORT OF LIVE SHEEP AND GOATS, OVINE AND CAPRINE GERMPLASM, RAW MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS AND FRESH AND CHILLED (UNTREATED) HIDES AND SKINS OF SHEEP AND GOATS FROM ROMANIA

Purpose

1. To inform you that, owing to a recent outbreak of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) in Romania, consignments of the following commodities from Romania should be held:
 - a. Live sheep and goats (GBHC 630 and 631)
 - b. Ovine and caprine germplasm (GBHC 820, 821 and 822)
 - c. Raw milk and milk products derived from ovine and caprine animals (GBHC 410 and 411)
 - d. Fresh and chilled (untreated) hides and skins of sheep and goats (GBHC 540)

Background

2. Romania notified WOAHP on 20 July 2024 of an outbreak of PPR at a domestic sheep holding in Tulcea county, Romania.
3. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance is drafting a safeguard declaration to prohibit the import of untreated ovine and caprine hides and skins.
4. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance is assessing the need for further restrictions on other animal by-products.
5. 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.

6. In the meantime, any consignments from Romania of live sheep and goats, ovine and caprine germplasm, raw milk and milk products derived from ovine and caprine animals and fresh and chilled (untreated) hides and skins of sheep and goats should be held, with the UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance contacted for advice at ukassurance@defra.gov.uk.

Action for OVSs

7. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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