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IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

OVS NOTE 2024/28

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IMPORT OF UNTREATED WOOL FROM OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS FROM ROMANIA

Purpose

1. [OVS Note 2024/27](#) informed about an outbreak of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) in Romania and that 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)
2. In addition to the above commodities, consignments of untreated wool and hair from ovine and caprine animals from Romania should also be held (GBHC586).

Background

3. Romania notified WOAHA on 20 July 2024 of an outbreak of PPR at a domestic sheep holding in Tulcea county, Romania.
4. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance is drafting a safeguard declaration to prohibit the import of untreated ovine and caprine wool, hair, hides and skins.
5. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance is assessing the need for further restrictions on other animal by-products.
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, untreated wool and hair from ovine and caprine animals and fresh and chilled (untreated) hides and skins of sheep and goats should be held.

Action for OVSs

7. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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