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RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM ROMANIA OF LIVE SHEEP AND GOATS, OVINE AND CAPRINE GERMLASM, RAW MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS, FRESH AND CHILLED HIDES AND SKINS AND UNTREATED HAIR AND WOOL FROM OVINE AND CAPRINE ANIMALS DUE TO AN OUTBREAK OF PESTE DES PETITS RUMINANTS

Purpose

1. To inform you of restrictions on imports from Romania of live sheep and goats, ovine and caprine germplasm, raw milk and raw dairy products derived from ovine and caprine animals, fresh and chilled hides and skins, and untreated hair and wool from ovine and caprine animals in response to an outbreak of peste des petits ruminants (PPR).

Background

2. Romania notified WOAHP on 20 July 2024 of an outbreak of PPR at a domestic sheep holding in Tulcea county, Romania ([WAHIS](#)), with further outbreaks having been subsequently reported.
3. On 22 July, [OVS Note 2024/27](#) was issued to inform of the PPR outbreak and request that consignments from Romania of Live sheep and goats (GBHC 630 and 631), Ovine and caprine germplasm (GBHC 820, 821 and 822), Raw milk and milk products derived from ovine and caprine animals (GBHC 410 and 411) and Fresh and chilled (untreated) hides and skins of sheep and goats (GBHC 540) 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. On 25 July, [OVS Note 2024/28](#) was issued to further advise that consignments of untreated wool and hair from ovine and caprine animals (GBHC586) from Romania should also be held.

5. Having assessed the situation and the risk posed by the aforementioned commodities derived from sheep and goats, it has been decided that imports from the whole territory of Romania of the following commodities should be temporarily suspended:
 - a. Live sheep and goats: an updated version of the 'live ungulates' list has been published [here](#).
 - b. Ovine and caprine germplasm: an updated version of the 'ovine and caprine ova and embryos' and 'ovine and caprine semen' lists have been published [here](#) and [here](#).
 - c. Raw or unpasteurised milk and milk products derived from ovine and caprine animals: an updated version of the 'milk and milk products' list has been published [here](#).
 - d. Untreated wool and hair, and fresh and chilled skins and ,hides of ovine and caprine animals: these restrictions are set out in safeguard declarations published here published [here](#) for England, [here](#) for Scotland and [here](#) for Wales.
6. Imports from Romania of treated milk and dairy products derived from ovine and caprine animals (Columns B and C in the milk and milk products list) are unaffected, with imports continuing to be permitted.
7. Imports from Romania of raw milk and dairy products, germplasm, fresh and chilled hides and skins and untreated wool and hair from animals other than sheep and goats are unaffected by the new restrictions and continue to be permitted unless otherwise restricted.
8. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance continues 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 further restrictions are implemented.

Action for OVSs

To note the contents of this OVS note.

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