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OUTBREAK OF BLUETONGUE VIRUS IN DENMARK

Purpose

1. To inform you of an outbreak of Bluetongue Virus (BTV) in Denmark and new import restrictions on live ruminants.

Background

2. Denmark confirmed an outbreak of BTV-3 in sheep and cattle in Toender in southern Denmark on 9 August 2024. As a result of this outbreak, Denmark have now lost their Bluetongue disease free status.
3. In response, we have amended our [live ungulates list](#) to add supplementary guarantee 'A' to Denmark's entry. This guarantee requires all live ruminants exported to GB from Denmark to be vaccinated against the serotypes of BTV in the country. As there is currently no available vaccine for BTV-3 in Denmark, this change to Denmark's listing means that consignments of live ruminants are not certifiable for export from Denmark to GB.
4. In addition to the above, Denmark's loss of BTV-free status means that exports of ruminant germplasm from Denmark to GB will now also be required to comply with the relevant testing requirements for BTV set out in relevant health certificates.

Action for OVSs

5. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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