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## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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**Restrictions on personal imports of certain sheep and goat commodities from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Faroe Islands and Greenland to Wales due to outbreaks of peste des petits ruminants (PPR)**

### Purpose

1. To inform you of the suspension, from 22 August 2024, of personal imports of certain sheep and goat commodities from the EU single market area into Wales, to mitigate the threat of peste des petits ruminants (PPR).

### Background

2. In July 2024, OVS notes [2024/25](#), [2024/26](#), [2024/27](#), [2024/28](#) and [2024/29](#) were issued to notify of outbreaks of PPR in Greece and Romania and the temporary suspension of commercial imports of affected sheep and goat commodities.
3. Additionally, [OVS note 2024/32](#) was issued on 21 August to notify of England's restriction of personal imports of certain sheep and goat commodities from the EU single market area. The following safeguard declaration gives effect to these prohibitions: [Declaration of special measures: Importation of caprine and ovine products from certain third countries \(England\)](#).
4. Wales has now published safeguard declarations under The Trade In Animals And Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011 to implement the same restrictions. The following safeguard declaration gives effect to these prohibitions: [Declaration of special measures: personal imports of caprine and ovine products from certain third countries \(Wales\)](#).
5. The special measures will apply from 22 August and will continue to apply until they are revoked or amended.

6. A separate safeguard declaration will be published covering Scotland, meaning the measures will apply on a GB-wide basis. A separate OVS note will be issued to notify of publication of this safeguard declaration.

### **Action for OVSs**

7. To note the above information.
8. Border Force has been asked to detain non-compliant personal imports of sheep and goat products and may look to PHAs for support with seizure and destruction, in the same way as for pork and pork products in breach of the ASF safeguard measures.

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