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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 Scotland due to outbreaks of peste des petits ruminants (PPR)

Purpose

1. To inform you of the suspension, from 24 August 2024, of personal imports of certain sheep and goat commodities from the EU single market area into Scotland, to mitigate the threat of peste des petits ruminants (PPR). This is further to personal import controls recently implemented in England and Wales for the same commodities.

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 notes [2024/32](#) and [2024/33](#) were issued in August to notify of the restriction of personal imports of certain sheep and goat commodities from the EU single market area to England and Wales. The following safeguard declarations give effect to these prohibitions:
 - [Declaration of special measures: Importation of caprine and ovine products from certain third countries \(England\)](#).
 - [Declaration of special measures: personal imports of caprine and ovine products from certain third countries \(Wales\)](#).
4. Scotland has now published safeguard declarations under The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012 to implement the same restrictions. The following safeguard declaration gives effect to these prohibitions: [Declaration of Special Measures: Peste des Petits Ruminants](#)

[Imports of Ovine and Caprine Products from EEA States, the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Switzerland \(Scotland\).](#)

5. The special measures will apply from 24 August and will continue to apply until they are revoked or amended.
6. With this safeguard declaration the restrictions on personal imports of sheep and goat products are now applicable on a GB-wide basis.

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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