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## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### **Increased restrictions on personal imports of pork and pork products from the EU, Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, the Faroe Islands and Greenland to Great Britain (GB) due to African Swine Fever (ASF)**

#### **Purpose**

1. To inform you of increased restrictions, from 27 September 2024, of personal imports of pork and pork products from the EU single market area into GB, to mitigate the threat of ASF.

#### **Background**

2. On 1 September 2022, England, Scotland and Wales suspended the personal import of pork and pork products over 2kg from the EU single market area to GB unless produced and labelled to EU commercial standards.
3. These measures have now been tightened through safeguard declarations published by England, Scotland and Wales on 26 September 2024 under the [Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations](#).
4. The new safeguard measures restrict personal imports of pork and pork products from the EU single market area (EU and EFTA states, Greenland and the Faroe Islands) unless commercially produced and labelled, and weighing a maximum of 2kg per person.
5. These measures suspend the personal allowance of unpackaged pork and pork products, and limit the personal allowance of commercially produced and labelled goods to 2kg.
  - For POAO, this means the products bear a health/identification mark.
  - For ABPs, this means the products:

- a. are in commercial packaging that contains the name and address of the feed business operator responsible for its labelling under Regulation (EC) No 767/2009; or
  - b. have a label attached to the packaging, container or vehicle, describing the product and stating to which category of animal by-products it belongs.
6. The following safeguard declarations give effect to these prohibitions:
  - [Declaration of special measures: Personal imports of porcine products from certain third countries \(England\)](#)
  - [Declaration of special measures: Personal imports of porcine products from certain third countries \(Wales\)](#)
  - [Declaration of special measures: Personal imports of porcine products from certain third countries \(Scotland\)](#)
7. The special measures will apply from 27 September 2024 and will continue to apply until they are revoked or amended.

#### **Action for OVSs**

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

#### **Contact point for enquiries**

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