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Changes to treatment requirements for imports of porcine meat products from areas of European Union Member States with outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Wild Boar

Purpose

1. To inform you of changes to heat treatment requirements for porcine meat products from areas of EU Member States with outbreaks of African Swine Fever (ASF) in wild boar.

Background

2. [OVS note 2024/24](#) was issued on 8 July 2024 notifying of changes to the [meat products list](#) stipulating that porcine meat products listed under Part II in the '[Regions of European Union Member States restricted due to African Swine Fever outbreaks](#)' document must be subject to heat treatment 'C'. This required that those product from areas of EU Member States with confirmed ASF outbreaks in wild boar (categorised as Restricted Zones II) be treated to a minimum temperature of 80°C.
3. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance has continued to review the risk associated with porcine meat products originating from these regions.
4. Upon review of the supporting information provided by the European Commission, the UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance has amended the [meat products list](#) to require that porcine meat products from areas listed in Part II of [this document](#) be subject to heat treatment 'D'.

Treatment 'D' requires that products are treated to a minimum temperature of 70°C which must be reached throughout the meat and/or stomachs, bladders and intestines during the processing of meat products and treated stomachs,

bladders and intestines, or for raw ham, a treatment consisting of natural fermentation and maturation of not less than nine months and resulting in the following:

- Aw value of not more than 0.93
- pH value of not more than 6.0.

5. Imports of porcine meat products from areas of EU Member States with confirmed outbreaks in domestic pigs (those listed in Part III of [this document](#)) continue to be subject to heat treatment 'C'.

Action for OVSs

6. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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