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Food & Rural Affairs

## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### OUTBREAK OF LUMPY SKIN DISEASE IN JAPAN

#### Purpose

1. To inform you that due to recent outbreaks of Lumpy Skin Disease in Japan, the following consignments from Japan should be held:
  - raw bovine milk,
  - raw bovine milk products,
  - raw bovine colostrum,
  - untreated hides and skins of bovine origin,
  - all animal by-products of bovine origin (except gelatine and collagen, tallow, and hooves and horns – which WOAHA consider safe), unless processed/treated to the required standards in the WOAHA terrestrial code.

#### Background

2. Japan has notified WOAHA of its first case of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) which was confirmed on 06/11/24 in cattle on a dairy farm in the Fukuoka Prefecture: [WAHIS](#).
3. As a result of these outbreaks Japan has lost its LSD-free status.
4. Japan is not approved to import live bovines or germplasm into Great Britain. However, Japan is approved for raw milk and raw milk products, untreated skins and hides, and other unprocessed animal by-products of bovine origin. The current model health certificates do not prevent Japan from sending these products to Great Britain.
5. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance will update its [Milk and Milk Products](#) listing in due course to suspend imports from Japan of raw milk and raw milk products derived from bovine animals.

6. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance is also drafting a safeguard declaration under the [Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011](#) to suspend imports of the following commodities:
  - fresh and chilled (untreated) hides and skins of bovine origin
  - other unprocessed animal-by-products of bovine origin.
  
7. In the meantime, any consignments from Japan of the following commodities should be held:
  - raw bovine milk,
  - raw bovine milk products,
  - raw bovine colostrum,
  - untreated hides and skins of bovine origin,
  - all animal by-products of bovine origin (except gelatine and collagen, tallow, and hooves and horns – which WOAHA consider safe), unless processed/treated to the required standards in the WOAHA terrestrial code.

#### **Action for OVSs**

8. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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