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## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### INSERTION OF CLOSING DATES IN GERMANY'S ENTRY IN THE 'FRESH MEAT OF UNGULATES' LIST FOLLOWING AN OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN GERMANY

#### Purpose

1. To inform you of the insertion of closing dates in Germany's entry in the [fresh meat of ungulates](#) listing, following a recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Germany.

#### Background

2. Germany notified WOAHA of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) on 10 January 2025: [WAHIS](#). The outbreak was detected following the deaths of 3 animals in a herd of 14 buffalo in Märkisch-Oderland, Brandenburg. As a result of this outbreak Germany has lost its FMD-free status.
3. The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance amended its country listings on 13 January 2025 to suspend imports of several commodities from FMD-susceptible animals from the whole territory of Germany (see OVS note [2025/02](#) for a full list of actions taken). As part of this, imports of fresh meat of ungulates susceptible to FMD were suspended, through removal of the model certificates BOV, OVI, RUF, RUW, POR, SUF and SUW from Germany's entries in the [fresh meat of ungulates](#) list.
4. Having assessed the risk associated with FMD in Germany, the UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance has today (29 January 2025) amended the [fresh meat of ungulates](#) list again. The new list reinstates the BOV, OVI, RUF, POR and SUF certificates to Germany's entries, but with closing dates of 10 December 2024 inserted in column 7.
5. As a result of the insertion of closing dates, consignments of fresh meat, meat products and meat preparations from FMD-susceptible animals from Germany

which are currently being held at border control posts (BCPs) may be released if they meet **all** the following conditions:

- a. The consignments contain or were made from fresh meat obtained from animals slaughtered before 10 December 2024. (Any consignments containing fresh meat with a slaughter date on or after 10 December 2024 should be rejected.)
  - b. The accompanying certificate was signed before 10 January 2025. (Any consignments certified on or after 10 January 2025 should be rejected.)
  - c. All other requirements for the import of such products into GB are met.
6. Consignments currently being held at BCPs which do not meet **all** the above conditions should be rejected and dealt with in line with OCR rules for rejected consignments.
  7. All future imports from Germany of consignments containing fresh meat of FMD-susceptible animals remain prohibited and cannot be certified, regardless of the slaughter date.
  8. Please note that the separate African swine fever restrictions, which apply to specific zones in Germany, are still in place and must be observed. As a result, the POR and SUF certificates have not been re-added to the DE-3 and DE-4 entries (covering ASF Restricted Zones II and III, respectively), and cannot be used to certify consignments from those zones.
  9. The certificates covering fresh meat of wild game animals (RUW and SUW) have not been reinstated. This means imports from Germany of those commodities covered by these certificates continue to be restricted entirely – regardless of the date of slaughter. Any consignments of such commodities being held at BCPs should be rejected.

### **Action for OVSs**

10. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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