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PERSONAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN SHEEP AND GOAT COMMODITIES FROM THE EU, SWITZERLAND, NORWAY, ICELAND, LIECHTENSTEIN, THE FAROE ISLANDS AND GREENLAND DUE TO OUTBREAKS OF PESTE DES PETITS RUMINANTS (PPR)

Purpose

1. To inform you of tightened restrictions, from 1 February 2025, on personal imports of certain ovine and caprine commodities from the EU single market area, following a recent outbreak of Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) in Hungary.

Background

2. Hungary reported their first case of PPR to WOAHP on 27 January 2025: [WAHIS](#). This outbreak was confirmed on 24 January 2025 in a sheep establishment with 1,810 sheep, located in Szentgyörgyvölgy, near the Hungarian-Slovenian border.
3. Personal imports from the EU single market area of certain ovine and caprine commodities have already been restricted via TARP safeguard declarations (see OVS notes [2024/32](#), [2024/33](#), [2024/34](#), [2024/60](#)).
4. These declarations, which previously suspended personal imports of all ovine and caprine milk and milk products (including those commercially produced and packaged) from Bulgaria, Greece and Romania as PPR-affected countries, have now been updated to suspend personal imports of the same products from Hungary.
5. The following safeguard declarations give effect to these restrictions:
 - a. [Peste des petits ruminants in the European Union: amendment to declaration of special measures \(England\)](#)

- b. [Peste des petits ruminants in the European Union: amendment to declaration of special measures \(Wales\)](#)
 - c. [Peste des petits ruminants in European Union: declaration of special measures \(Scotland\)](#)
6. These safeguard measures apply from 1 February 2025 and will continue to apply until they are revoked or amended.
7. For more information on these personal import restrictions, including copies of previously published versions of these safeguard measures, please see: [Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues - GOV.UK](#)

Action for OVSs

8. To note the contents of this OVS note.
9. 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.

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