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CHANGES TO MANAGEMENT OF APPROVED COUNTRY LISTS FOR IMPORTS OF ANIMAL BY-PRODUCTS AND CERTAIN PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN

Purpose

1. To inform you of changes to the management of the approved country lists for imports of the following commodities:
 - a. Live, chilled, frozen or processed bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods for human consumption
 - b. Other fishery products
 - c. Frogs' legs and snails intended for human consumption
 - d. Insects intended for human consumption
 - e. Animal by-products.

Background

2. The UK's approved country import lists for animals and animal products to Great Britain allow for country-specific import conditions to be published outside of legislation, facilitating the prompt amendment of import conditions. These administrative lists are published online [here](#) for EU/EFTA countries and [here](#) for non-EU countries. The lists already managed in this way are set out in Annex I.
3. From 10 February 2025, approved country lists for imports of the following animals and animal products will also be published on www.gov.uk rather than in UK legislation:
 - a. Live, chilled, frozen or processed bivalve molluscs, echinoderms, tunicates and marine gastropods for human consumption
 - b. Other fishery products
 - c. Frogs' legs and snails intended for human consumption
 - d. Insects intended for human consumption
 - e. Animal by-products.

This is due to recent legislative changes delivered through [The Official Controls \(Amendment\) Regulations 2024](#).

4. This means that, from 10 February 2025, the latest country listings information for imports of the above commodities can be found at the following links (please note that this information will only be available to use from this date):
- [EU and EFTA countries approved to export animals and animal products to Great Britain](#)
 - [Non-EU countries approved to export animals and animal products to Great Britain](#)

Action for OVSs

5. To note the contents of this OVS note.

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Annex I: Administrative lists currently in force

- Poultry and poultry products [EUR 2008/798]
- Fresh meat of ungulates [EUR 2010/206]
- Live ungulates [EUR 2010/206]
- Meat products [EUDN 2007/777]
- Bovine semen [EUDN 2011/630]
- Bovine embryos [EUDN 2006/168]
- Ovine and caprine ova and embryos [EUDN 2010/472]
- Meat of wild leporidae, certain wild land mammals and of farmed rabbits [EUR 2009/119]
- Equidae and of semen, ova and embryos of Equidae [EUR 2018/659]
- Porcine semen [EUDN 2012/137]
- Ovine and caprine semen [EUDN 2010/472]
- Raw milk, dairy products, colostrum and colostrum-based products [EUR 2010/605]
- Residue control plans [EUDN 2011/163]