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## IMPORTS AND EU POLICY TEAM

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### OUTBREAK OF LUMPY SKIN DISEASE IN JAPAN

#### Purpose

- To inform you of restrictions on the import of the following bovine commodities from Japan in response to an outbreak of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD):
  - Raw milk and raw milk products, including raw colostrum
  - Hides and skins, unless they have been treated in line with point 2b, c, or d of article 11.9.13 of the WOAH terrestrial code:
    - dry-salted or wet-salted for a period of at least 14 days prior to dispatch; or
    - treated for a period of at least seven days in salt (NaCl) with the addition of 2% sodium carbonate (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>); or
    - dried for a period of at least 42 days at a temperature of at least 20°C
  - All other animal by-products (except gelatine and collagen, tallow, and hooves and horns), unless they have undergone heat treatment to a minimum internal temperature of 65°C for at least 30 minutes.

#### Background

- Japan notified WOAH of its first case of LSD, which was confirmed on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in cattle on a dairy farm in the Fukuoka Prefecture: ([WAHIS](#)). Further cases have since been reported. As a result of these outbreaks, Japan has lost its LSD-free status.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> November, [OVS Note 2025/51](#) was issued to inform of the LSD outbreak and request that the following consignments from Japan be held:
  - Raw bovine milk and raw milk products, including raw colostrum.
  - Untreated hides and skins of bovine origin.
  - All other animal by-products of bovine origin (except gelatine and collagen, tallow, and hooves and horns), unless processed/treated to the required standards in the WOAH terrestrial code.

- Having assessed the situation and risks associated with the aforementioned commodities, it has been decided to suspend imports of the following bovine commodities from the whole territory of Japan:
  - Raw milk and raw milk products, including raw colostrum
  - Hides and skins, unless they have been treated in line with point 2b, c, or d of article 11.9.13 of the WOAHS terrestrial code:
    - dry-salted or wet-salted for a period of at least 14 days prior to dispatch; or
    - treated for a period of at least seven days in salt (NaCl) with the addition of 2% sodium carbonate (Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>); or
    - dried for a period of at least 42 days at a temperature of at least 20°C
  - All other animal by-products (except gelatine and collagen, tallow, and hooves and horns), unless they have undergone heat treatment to a minimum internal temperature of 65°C for at least 30 minutes.
- Dog chews made of hides and skins must also undergo one of the treatments specified for treated hides and skins. Dog chews made of bovine animal by-products other than hides and skins must undergo a heat treatment prescribed for any other animal by-products. This is in line with the product requirements under point 'AH/P715 Product requirements' of the 'Dog chews (PET-D) GBHC563' certificate.
- The restrictions on raw milk, raw milk products and raw colostrum have been implemented on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024, through amendment to the 'milk and milk products' list, published [here](#).
- The restrictions on hides and skins and other animal by-products of bovine origin are set out in safeguard declarations published on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024, coming into force the following day. The following safeguard declarations give effect to these prohibitions:
  - [England](#)
  - [Scotland](#)
  - [Wales](#)
- Imports from Japan of treated milk and milk products derived from bovine animals (Columns B and C in the '[milk and milk products](#)' list) are unaffected, with imports continuing to be permitted.
- The UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance continues to monitor the situation and will issue an updated OVS note in light of any required changes to these restrictions.

## **Action for OVSs**

- To note the contents of this OVS note.

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