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INFORMATION

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Potsdam Group)
Subject:	POTSDAM - UK: Suspension of personal imports of certain sheep and goat commodities due to outbreaks of PPR in the EU

Delegations will find attached a letter from the UK authorities concerning the above subject.



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Dear Bernard

Suspension of personal imports of certain sheep and goat commodities due to outbreaks of peste des petits ruminants in the European Union

Further to my letters of 19 July 2024 and 25 July 2024 setting out the temporary suspension of the import of certain ovine and caprine commodities from Greece and Romania to Great Britain due to the outbreak of peste des petits ruminants (PPR), I am writing to inform you that we have now applied additional measures to specifically control personal imports¹ of certain ovine and caprine commodities.

We are implementing these measures to mitigate the risk of high-risk commodities originating from Greece or Romania entering Great Britain as personal imports. This includes goods that do not meet EU commercial production standards and may be imported for personal consumption or illegally for onward sale.

To address this risk, we are suspending the following commodities from the EU, EFTA States, Greenland and Faroe Islands:

- personal imports of ovine and caprine meat and meat products and milk and dairy products, unless produced and packaged to commercial standards (bearing a health mark or identification mark or, in the case of ABP, commercial labelling).
- personal imports of all ovine and caprine milk and milk products from Greece and Romania.

The restrictions are set out in the relevant documentation here, which come into effect the day after being published: [Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues](#).

¹ Personal imports are those as defined in article 48 of the Official Controls Regulation 2017/625.

The import of untreated hides, skins, wool and hair is already prohibited from Greece and Romania as set out in the safeguard declarations published here: [Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues](#).

Please accept this letter as notification of measures under the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement. I trust that you agree with the need for these temporary measures and understand the reasons for implementing this measure. Please do not hesitate to get in contact regarding any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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