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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 5 January 2022, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

Importation of Sheep, Goats, and Certain Other Ruminants, Docket No. APHIS-2009-0095

We are amending the regulations governing the importation of animals and animal products to revise conditions for the importation of live sheep, goats, and certain other nonbovine ruminants, and products derived from sheep and goats, with regard to transmissible spongiform encephalopathies such as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and scrapie. We are removing BSE-related import restrictions on sheep and goats and most of their products, and adding import restrictions related to transmissible spongiform encephalopathies for certain wild, zoological, or other non-bovine ruminant species. The conditions we are adopting for the importation of specified commodities are based on internationally accepted scientific literature and will generally align our regulations with guidelines established in the World Organization for Animal Health's Terrestrial Animal Health Code. DATE Effective 3 January 2022. (Published in the Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 230, 3 December 2021, pp. 68834 to 68864).

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other: In this final rule, we are amending the regulations governing the importation of animals and animal products to revise conditions for the importation of live sheep, goats, and certain other nonbovine ruminants, and products derived from sheep and goats, with regard to transmissible spongiform encephalopathies such as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and scrapie. We are removing BSE-related import restrictions on sheep and goats and most of their products, and adding import restrictions related to transmissible spongiform encephalopathies for certain wild, zoological, or other non-bovine ruminant species. The conditions we are adopting for the importation of specified commodities are based on internationally accepted scientific literature and will generally align our regulations with guidelines established in the World Organization for Animal Health's Terrestrial Animal Health Code. (Published in the Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 230, 3 December 2021, pp. 68834 to 68864). DATE Effective 3 January 2022.

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Final Rule/Not Applicable

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<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/12/03/2021-26302/importation-of-sheep-goats-and-certain-other-ruminants>
