

# Highly pathogenic avian influenza in Botswana: declaration of special measures

## **The Trade in Animals and Related Products (WALES) Regulations 2011**

The Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and the Trefnydd, has learned that the presence of highly pathogenic avian influenza has been confirmed in Botswana, such that animals and products originating from Botswana are liable to pose risk to human or animal health.

Under regulation 29(1) of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011<sup>(1)</sup>, the Welsh Ministers declare the following necessary special measures in Wales in order to contain the risk to human or animal health:

### **Suspension of entry into Wales of animals and products**

1. Entry into Wales of the following animals and products originating in or dispatched from Botswana is suspended:

- (a) ratites which are breeding poultry or productive poultry;
- (b) day-old chicks of ratites;
- (c) hatching eggs, laid by ratites;
- (d) meat of ratites;
- (e) meat products resulting from the processing of meat of ratites or from the further processing of such processed products, not subject to specific treatment B, C or D as defined in Part 4 of Annex II to Commission Decision 2007/777/EC<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (f) unprocessed animal by-products containing bodies or parts of poultry or products obtained from poultry;
- (g) composite products containing meat products resulting from the processing of meat of ratites or from the further processing of such processed products, not subject to specific treatment B, C or D as defined in Part 4 of Annex II to Commission Decision 2007/777/EC.

### **Interpretation**

2. In paragraph 1 of this Declaration:

- (a) “poultry”, “breeding poultry”, “productive poultry”, “day-old chicks”, “hatching eggs” and “meat” have the same meaning as in Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) 798/2008<sup>(3)</sup>;

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<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 2011/2379 (W. 252). Regulation 29 was substituted by S.I. 2020/44 (W. 5) and amended by S.I. 2020/1612 (W. 337).

<sup>(2)</sup> EUD 2007/777.

<sup>(3)</sup> EUR 798/2008.

- (b) “meat products”, has the same meaning as in paragraph 7.1 of Annex I to Regulation (EC) 853/2004<sup>(4)</sup>;
- (c) “animal by-products” has the same meaning as in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) 1069/2009<sup>(5)</sup>;
- (d) “composite products” has the same meaning as in Article 2 of Commission Decision 2007/275/EC<sup>(6)</sup>

### **Exclusions from suspension**

- 3. Paragraph 1(f) and (g) of this Declaration does not apply to:
  - (a) specified pathogen free eggs within the meaning of Article 2 of Commission Regulation (EC) 798/2008; and
  - (b) eggs as defined in paragraph 5.1 of Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) 853/2004 or egg products as defined in paragraph 7.3 of that Annex to that Regulation;

### **Duration of special measures**

- 4. This Declaration comes into force at the time and date it is signed  
Time and date made: 12:00 on 30 September 2021

### **Signed**

Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales

under authority of the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and the Trefnydd, one of the Welsh Ministers

**Import of animals or products in breach of this Declaration is an offence under regulation 39 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011.**

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<sup>(4)</sup> EUR 853/2004.  
<sup>(5)</sup> EUR 1069/2009.  
<sup>(6)</sup> EUD 2007/275.