

## **DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: BELARUS, POLAND, ROMANIA, UKRAINE THE TRADE IN ANIMALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS REGULATIONS 2011 (SI 2011/1197)**

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has reasonable grounds for suspecting:

- a. the existence of rabies in Belarus, Poland, Romania and Ukraine, such that certain animals originating in or dispatched from those countries are liable to pose risk to human or animal health; and
- b. is of the opinion there is serious non-compliance with official control rules under the Official Controls Regulation in relation to imports originating in or dispatched from those countries.

In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 29(1) of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011<sup>1</sup>, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs declares the following special measures to be necessary in England in order to contain the risk to human or animal health and the risk of non-compliant animals entering Great Britain:

### **Suspension of entry of certain animals into England**

1. Subject to paragraph 2, entry into England is suspended in respect of the following animals originating in or dispatched from Belarus, Poland, Romania or Ukraine:

- a. dogs
- b. cats
- c. ferrets

2. This declaration does not apply in relation to the non-commercial movement of pet animals.

### **Interpretation**

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<sup>1</sup> S.I. 2011/1197. Regulation 29 was amended by S.I. 2019/1488 and S.I 2020/1462.

3. In paragraph 2 of this Declaration:

a. “non-commercial movement” has the same meaning as in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 576/2013<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Coming into force and duration of the special measures**

4. The special measures referred to in this Declaration come into force on the day following the day on which the Declaration is made. The special measures shall apply until 14th May 2022.

Date made: 19:45 13 April 2022

Signed: Marc Casale, Deputy Director for Animal Welfare

A person duly authorised by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

***Imports in breach of this declaration is an offence under regulation 39 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011.***

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<sup>2</sup> EUR 2013/576.