

**DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: BULGARIA  
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 the existence of sheep pox and goat pox in Bulgaria, such that certain animal by-products originating from Bulgaria are liable to pose risk to animal health.

Under 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 animal health:

**Suspension of entry into England**

1. Entry into England is suspended for untreated hides and skins of ovine and caprine animals originating from Bulgaria.
2. In paragraph 1 of this Declaration, “untreated hides and skins” has the same meaning as in Annex I to retained EU Regulation 142/2011<sup>2</sup>.

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

3. The special measures in this Declaration apply from the beginning of the day after the day on which this Declaration is made until this Declaration is revoked or amended by a further declaration.

Date made: **28/09/2023**

Signed

**Balazs Toth**

**Lead Assessor, UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance, Defra**

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

***Import of animals or products 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>1</sup> S.I. 2011/1197. Regulation 29 was amended by S.I. 2019/1488 and S.I 2020/1462.

<sup>2</sup> EUR 142/2011.