

**DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: ITALY
THE TRADE IN ANIMALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS (WALES) REGULATIONS 2011 (SI 2011/2379)**

The Welsh Ministers have reasonable grounds for suspecting the existence of small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) in the Region of Sicily, Italy, such that certain animals and products originating in or dispatched from the Region of Sicily, Italy are liable to pose risk to human or animal health.

In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 29(1) of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011¹, the Welsh Ministers declare the following special measures to be necessary in Wales in order to contain the risk to human or animal health:

Suspension of entry of certain products into Wales

1. Entry into Wales is suspended in respect of the following products originating in or dispatched from the Region of Sicily, Italy:
 - a. honeybees;
 - b. bumble bees;
 - c. unprocessed apiculture by-products;
 - d. used beekeeping equipment;
 - e. apiculture products in honeycomb intended for human consumption;

Interpretation

2. In this Declaration:
 - a. 'beehive' means a container used for keeping honeybees or bumble bees;

¹ S.I. 2011/2379. Regulation 29 was amended by S.I. 2020/44 and S.I 2020/1612.

- b. 'apiary' means an establishment which keeps honeybees or bumble bees;
- c. 'unprocessed apiculture by-products' means honey, beeswax, royal jelly, propolis or pollen not intended for human consumption as defined in point 10 of Annex I to retained EU Regulation 142/2011² which have not undergone any processing procedure as referred to in Chapter II, Section 1, Table 2, Row 10 of the fourth column, of Annex XIV to that Regulation;
- d. 'used beekeeping equipment' means used:
 - i. beehives;
 - ii. parts of beehives; and
 - iii. utensils used in an apiary.

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 further declaration.

Date made: 31/10/2024

Signed: 

Alice Teague (Deputy Director, Marine and Biodiversity Division, Welsh Government)

A person duly authorised by the Welsh Ministers

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

² EUR 142/2011.