

DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS FROM GERMANY
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 foot-and-mouth disease in Germany, such that certain products originating from FMD restricted zones in Germany are liable to pose a risk to animal health.

Under regulation 29(1) of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011¹, 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. Subject to paragraph 3, entry into England is suspended for—
 - a. hay and straw originating from FMD restricted zones in Germany;
 - b. the following animal by-products of susceptible animals, where the animal by-product originates from FMD restricted zones in Germany—
 - i. treated hides and skins, except—
 - a. hides and skins having undergone the complete process of tanning;
 - b. wet blue;
 - c. pickled pelts;
 - d. limed hides which have been treated with lime and in brine at a pH of 12 to 13 for at least eight hours.
 - ii. untreated game trophies or other preparations from ungulates consisting of entire anatomical parts, not having been treated in any way;
 - iii. treated game trophies comprised of hides and skins, except those referred to in paragraph (1) of Section 5 of Chapter II of Annex 14 to Regulation 142/2011;
 - iv. milk, milk-based products and milk-derived products;
 - v. manure;
 - vi. dogchews.
2. Subject to paragraph 3, except when the animal by-product complies with the relevant requirements provided in this paragraph, entry into England is suspended for the following animal by-products of susceptible animals, where the animal by-product originates from FMD restricted zones in Germany—
 - a. hair or wool, unless it complies with sub-paragraph (c) or (d) of Article 25(2) of Regulation 142/2011;
 - b. pig bristles, unless they have been boiled for a minimum of one hour;
 - c. treated game trophies or other preparations being solely comprised of bones, horns, hooves, claws, antlers or teeth, except those referred to in paragraph (1) of Section 5 of Chapter II of Annex 14 to Regulation 142/2011, unless immersed in boiling water for an appropriate time so as to ensure that any matter other than bone, horns, hooves, claws, antlers or teeth is removed, and disinfected with hydrogen peroxide where parts consisting of bone are concerned;

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

- d. rendered fats for uses other than feeding of farmed animals, fur animals, and the production or manufacturing of petfood, unless subjected to any of the processing methods 1 to 5 as referred to in Chapter III of Annex 4 to Regulation 142/2011;
 - e. bones or bone products, horns or horn products, hooves or hoof products intended for use other than as feed material, organic fertilisers or soil improvers, unless accompanied by a commercial document stamped by the Competent Authority of the exporting country supervising the establishment of origin certifying that the product has been subjected to one of treatments referred to in points (iii), (iv) and (v) of paragraph 2(d) in Section 7 of Chapter II in Annex 14 to Regulation 142/2011;
 - f. processed petfood other than canned petfood or extruded dry pet food, unless it has been subjected to one of the treatments referred to in points (i), (ii), (iii) or (v) of paragraph 3(b) of Chapter II in Annex 13 to Regulation 142/2011;
 - g. fat derivatives, unless subjected to one of the following treatments—
 - i. transesterification or hydrolysis at least 200°C, under corresponding appropriate pressure, for 20 minutes (glycerol, fatty acids and esters);
 - ii. hydrogenation at 160°C at 12 bars (12000 hPa) pressure for 20 minutes;
 - iii. any of the processing methods 1 to 5, as referred to in Chapter III of Annex 4 to Regulation 142/2011; or
 - iv. saponification with NaOH 12M (glycerol and soap) in a—
 - a. batch process at 95°C for three hours; or
 - b. continuous process at 140°C, 2 bars (2000 hPa) for eight minutes.
3. Animal by-products of susceptible animals are exempt from the restrictions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 if they are—
- a. an intermediate product;
 - b. research and diagnostic samples; or
 - c. trade samples.
4. In this Declaration—
- a. “FMD restricted zones in Germany” means zones listed in the Annex to this Declaration;
 - b. “animal by-products” means entire bodies or parts of animals, products of animal origin or other products obtained from animals, which are not intended for human consumption, excluding germinal products;
 - c. “products of animal origin” has the meaning given in point 8.1 of Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin²;
 - d. “germinal products” means semen, oocytes and embryos intended for artificial reproduction and hatching eggs;
 - e. “intermediate product”, “research and diagnostic samples” and “trade samples” have the same meanings as in Annex 1 to Regulation 142/2011;
 - f. “manure” means any excrement or urine of susceptible farmed animals, or both, with or without litter;

² EUR 853/2004 as assimilated in UK law.

- g. “susceptible farmed animals” means any susceptible animal that is kept, fattened or bred by humans and used for the production of food, wool, fur, feathers, hides and skins or any other product obtained from susceptible animals or for other farming purposes;
 - h. “feed”, “organic fertiliser” and “soil improver” have the same meanings as in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009³;
 - i. “dogchews” means products for pet animals to chew, produced from untanned hides, skins or bones of susceptible animals;
 - j. “hay” means swedes, mangolds, fodder roots, hay, lucerne (alfalfa), clover, sainfoin, forage kale, lupines, vetches and similar forage products whether or not in form of pallets: other than lucerne (alfalfa) meal and pellets;
 - k. “straw” means cereal straw and husks, unprepared, whether or not chopped, ground, pressed or in the form of pellets;
 - l. “Regulation 142/2011” means Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council Directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive⁴; and
 - m. “susceptible animals” means a cow, bull, sheep, goat, deer, camel, llama, alpaca, guanaco, vicuna, any other ruminant, any swine (that is, a member of the suborder Suina of the order Artiodactyla), or elephant.
5. Unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions which are not defined in this Declaration shall have the same meaning as in Regulation 142/2011.

Revocation of previous measures

6. The “Declaration of Special Measures: Importation of Certain Products from Germany” made by the Secretary of State on 6 February 2025 is revoked.

Coming into force and duration of the special measures

7. The revocation in paragraph 6 and 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: 24 March 2025

Signed: Anna Nicholls, Head of Policy and Strategy, UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance

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

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

³ EUR 1069/2009 as assimilated in UK law.

⁴ EUR 142/2011 as assimilated in UK law.

ANNEX

For the purposes of this Declaration, “FMD restricted zones in Germany” means the following areas in Germany;

1. Brandenburg:

- a. Those parts of the federal state of Brandenburg that lie within a radius of six kilometres from the following ETRS89 coordinates: latitude 52.563232, longitude 13.634274.
- b. Märkisch-Oderland district:
 - i. Hoppegarten municipality with the Hönow cadastral area and parts of the Dahwitz-Hoppegarten cadastral area;
 - ii. Neuenhagen bei Berlin municipality with parts of the Neuenhagen bei Berlin cadastral area;
 - iii. Altlandsberg municipality with parts of the Altlandsberg cadastral area.
- c. Barnim district:
 - i. Ahrensfelde municipality with the Eiche and Mehrow cadastral areas and parts of the Ahrensfelde and Blumberg cadastral areas;
 - ii. Werneuchen municipality with parts of the Krummensee and Seefeld cadastral areas;
 - iii. Panketal municipality with parts of the Schwanebeck cadastral area.

2. Berlin:

- a. Borough of Lichtenberg:
 - i. To the east: Berlin-Brandenburg state border, or borough border with the borough of Marzahn-Hellersdorf;
 - ii. To the north: Berlin-Brandenburg state border;
 - iii. To the west: along the track of S-Bahn line 75 from Poelchaustraße S-Bahn station towards Blankenburg;
 - iv. To the south, the borough border with Marzahn-Hellersdorf.
- b. Borough of Marzahn-Hellersdorf:
 - i. To the north: starting at Gehrenseestraße S-Bahn station, along Hohenschönhauser Straße and then Ahrensfelder Chaussee (the borough border) northwards to the intersection of Märkische Allee and the state border, then south along the state border to Landsberger Allee, then east via Landsberger Chaussee and Berliner Straße to Mahlsdorfer Straße;
 - ii. To the east: south from Mahlsdorfer Straße along the city border to Riesaer Straße;
 - iii. To the south: from Riesaer Straße to Alice-Salomon-Platz, then further along Hellersdorfer Straße to the junction with Cecilienstraße, then along Cecilienstraße to Blumberger Damm, then north along Blumberger Damm to the junction with Landsberger Allee, then west along Landsberger Allee to S-Bahn line 75, which is the borough border;
 - iv. To the west: S-Bahn line 75 from Landsberger Allee along the borough border to Gehrenseestraße S-Bahn station.