

DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: PERSONAL IMPORTS OF PRODUCTS FROM SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS FROM HUNGARY, AUSTRIA AND SLOVAKIA

THE TRADE IN ANIMALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS (WALES) REGULATIONS 2011 (SI 2011/2379 (W. 252))

The Welsh Ministers have reasonable grounds for suspecting the existence of foot-and-mouth disease in Hungary, Austria and Slovakia such that products from susceptible animals originating from Hungary, Austria or Slovakia are liable to pose a risk to animal health.

Under 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 animal health.

Amendment of the existing declaration

1. The Declaration of Special Measures: Personal imports of products from susceptible animals from certain third countries and territories made by the Welsh Ministers on 14 January 2025² (“the Declaration”) is amended in accordance with paragraph 2.
2. In the Declaration—
 - a. in paragraph 1, for “Germany” substitute “Germany, Hungary, Austria or Slovakia”.
 - b. in paragraph 2, for “Germany” substitute “Germany, Hungary, Austria or Slovakia”.
 - c. in paragraph 6(k), for “elephant or rodent (other than a pet rodent)” substitute “or an elephant”.

Interpretation

3. In this Declaration “susceptible animal” 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 an elephant.

Revocation of previous measures

4. The Declaration of Special Measures: Personal Imports of Products from Susceptible Animals from Hungary and Slovakia made by the Welsh Ministers on 7 March 2025³ is revoked.

Coming into force of the Declaration

5. The revocation in paragraph 4 and the special measures in this Declaration come into force on the day following the day on which this Declaration is made.

¹ 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).

² Available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6786aaa93ef063b15dca0f94/Safeguarding_Declaration_-_FINAL_WG_-_January_2025_-_Foot-and-Mouth_Disease_in_Germany__003_.pdf

³ Available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67cb40c4a175f08d198d813b/Amendment_to_Declaration_of_special_measures_personal_imports_of_products_from_susceptible_animals_from_Hungary_and_Slovakia__Wales_.pdf

Date made: 27/03/2025

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gavin Watkins', is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Gavin Watkins, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales

A person duly authorised by 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.