

DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: PERSONAL IMPORTS OF PRODUCTS FROM SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS FROM EEA STATES, THE FAROE ISLANDS, GREENLAND AND SWITZERLAND

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 Germany, Hungary and Slovakia, such that products from susceptible animals originating from territories subject to special transitional import arrangements 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.

Suspension of entry into Wales

1. Subject to paragraph 2, entry into Wales is suspended for products from susceptible animals originating from a territory subject to special transitional import arrangements where the product is intended for personal consumption or use.
2. The restriction in paragraph 1 does not apply if the product is—
 - a. a good listed in Part 1 of Annex 1 to Regulation 2019/2122, and—
 - i. the product complies with the relevant conditions set out in Part 1 of Annex 1 to Regulation 2019/2122; and
 - ii. the combined weight of products imported at any given time does not exceed 2kg;
 - b. bread, cakes, biscuits, waffles or wafers, rusks, toasted bread or a similar toasted product containing less than 20% of processed dairy or egg products and treated as provided for in Article 6(1)(a) of Commission Decision 2007/275/EC;
 - c. chocolate or confectionary (including sweets) containing less than 50% of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in Article 6(1)(a) of Commission Decision 2007/275/EC;
 - d. food supplements packaged for the final consumer containing small amounts (in total less than 20%) of processed animal products (including glucosamine, chondroitin or chitosan, or both chondroitin and chitosan) other than meat products; or
 - e. pasta or noodles not mixed or filled with meat product containing less than 50% of processed dairy and egg products and treated as provided for in Article 6(1)(a) of Commission Decision 2007/275/EC.

Continued application of other requirements

3. The conditions of entry in this Declaration are in addition to any other requirements that apply in relation to products from susceptible animals.

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).

Interpretation

4. In this Declaration—
 - a. “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;
 - b. “Commission Decision 2007/275/EC” means Commission Decision 2007/275/EC concerning lists of composite products to be subject to controls at border control posts;
 - c. “derived products” means products obtained from one or more treatments, transformations or steps in the processing of animal by-products;
 - d. “products from susceptible animals” means any of the following, consisting, in whole or in part, of a body of a susceptible animal, or derived from a susceptible animal—
 - i. products of animal origin;
 - ii. animal by-products; or
 - iii. derived products;
 - e. “products of animal origin” has the meaning given in point 8.1 of Annex 1 to Regulation 853/2004;
 - f. “Regulation 853/2004” means Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin²;
 - g. “Regulation 2019/2122” means Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/2122 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards certain categories of animals and goods exempted from official controls at border control posts, specific controls on passengers’ personal luggage and on small consignments of goods sent to natural persons which are not intended to be places on the market and amending Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011³;
 - h. “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;
 - i. “territory subject to special transitional import arrangements” means—
 - i. an EEA state;
 - ii. the Faroe Islands;
 - iii. Greenland;
 - iv. Switzerland.

Revocation of previous measures

5. 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 2025 is revoked.
6. The “Declaration of Special Measures: Personal Imports of Products from Susceptible Animals from Hungary, Austria and Slovakia” made by the Welsh Ministers on 27 March 2025 is revoked.

² EUR 853/2004.

³ EUR 2019/2122

Coming into force of the Declaration

7. The revocations in paragraphs 5 and 6 and the special measures in this Declaration come into force on the day following the day on which the Declaration is made.

Date made: 11 April 2025

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, 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.