

DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL CASINGS 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 animal casings from susceptible animals originating in Hungary, Austria and Slovakia are liable to pose a risk to animal health.

The Welsh Ministers are satisfied that the grounds to suspect the existence of foot-and-mouth disease in Germany no longer exists, such that the restrictions on animal casings from susceptible animals originating in Germany are no longer required.

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: Importation of animal casings from foot and mouth disease susceptible animals from certain third countries and territories made by the Welsh Ministers on 16 January 2025² (“the Declaration”) is amended in accordance with paragraph 2.
2. In the Declaration—
 - a. in Annex 1, in the table—
 - i. omit “4. Austria”;
 - ii. omit “37. Hungary”;
 - iii. omit “67. Slovakia”;
 - iv. insert “78. Germany”.

Interpretation

3. In this Declaration—
 - a. “animal casings” means intestines and bladders that, after cleaning, have been processed by tissue scraping, defatting and washing, and have been treated with salt; and
 - b. “susceptible animals” means bovine, ovine, caprine or porcine animals.

Revocation of previous measures

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/678933e39752f24aa1573549/Wales_Safeguard_Declaration_Casings_and_GBHC370.pdf

4. The “Declaration of Special Measures: Importation of Animal Casings from Susceptible Animals from Hungary, Austria, Slovakia and Foot-And-Mouth Restricted Zones of Germany” made by the Welsh Ministers on 27 March 2025 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 the Declaration is made.

Date made: 14 May 2025

Signed



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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.