

DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: FRANCE

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 lumpy skin disease in France, such that certain products originating from France are liable to pose 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 control the risk to animal health:

Suspension of entry into Wales:

1. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 7, entry into Wales is suspended for hides and skins of bovine animals originating from France.
2. The restrictions in paragraph 1 do not apply if the hides and skins have been subjected to any of the following treatments—
 - a. dry-salted or wet-salted for a period of at least 14 days prior to dispatch;
 - b. salted for a period of at least 7 days in sea salt and 2% sodium carbonate; or
 - c. dried for a period of at least 42 days at a temperature of at least 20°C.
3. Subject to paragraphs 4 and 7, entry into Wales is suspended for animal by-products of bovine animals originating from France.
4. The restrictions in paragraph 3 do not apply—
 - a. if the animal by-products have undergone heat treatment to a minimum internal temperature of 65°C for at least thirty minutes; or
 - b. to the following animal by-products—
 - i. casings;
 - ii. gelatine;
 - iii. collagen;
 - iv. tallow;
 - v. hooves; or
 - vi. horns.
5. Subject to paragraphs 6 and 7, entry into Wales is suspended for milk, milk-based products and milk-derived products for human consumption from France.

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).

6. The restrictions in paragraph 5 do not apply if the milk, milk-based and milk derived products for human consumption—
- a. have undergone the treatment set out in Article 3(a) and (b) of Regulation 605/2010;
 - b. have undergone one of the treatments set out in Article 4(1) of Regulation 605/2010; or
 - c. are accompanied by certificate GBHC416² and—
 - i. have undergone heat treatment less than pasteurisation treatment during the manufacturing process;
 - ii. have undergone a process of ripening and ageing, or maturation that commenced before 23 May 2025; and
 - iii. are further accompanied by supporting documentation evidencing compliance with the processes in paragraphs 6(c)(i) and (ii).
7. The restrictions in paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 do not apply if the hides and skins, animal by-products or milk, milk-based and milk-derived products for human consumption are—
- a. intermediate products;
 - b. research and diagnostic samples; or
 - c. trade samples.

Interpretation

8. 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 and hides and skins;
 - b. “hides and skins” means all cutaneous and subcutaneous tissues;
 - c. “milk, milk-based and milk-derived products for human consumption” means milk or colostrum from bovine species, and products made from or derived from milk or colostrum from bovine species, produced for human consumption;
 - d. “pasteurisation” means the process by which milk is exposed to a single heat treatment with a heating effect at least equivalent to that achieved by a pasteurisation process of at least 72°C for 15 seconds and, where applicable, sufficient to ensure a negative reaction to an alkaline phosphatase test applied immediately after the heat treatment;

² https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65ba81c63be8ad0010a0822e/GBHC416_Milk-LHT_Lower_Heat_treatment_milk_and_dairy_products__v1.0_Jan-24.pdf

- e. "Regulation 605/2010" means Commission Regulation (EU) No 605/2010³.

Coming into force and duration of the special measures

9. 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: 10 July 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.

³ EUR 605/2010 as assimilated in UK law.