

## **DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: IMPORTATION OF UNTREATED WOOL AND HAIR FROM ESWATINI AND SLOVAKIA**

### **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 Eswatini and Slovakia such that certain animal by-products originating in Eswatini and Slovakia are liable to pose a risk to animal health.

Under regulation 29(1) of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011<sup>1</sup>, 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.

#### **Amendment of the existing declaration**

1. The Declaration of Special Measures: importation of untreated wool and hair of susceptible animals from certain third countries and territories made by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 16 January 2025<sup>2</sup> (“the Declaration”) is amended in accordance with paragraph 2.
2. In the Declaration—
  - a. in Annex 1, in the table—
    - i. omit “27. Eswatini”;
    - ii. omit “67. Slovakia”; and
    - iii. insert “78. Germany”.

#### **Revocation of previous measures**

3. “Declaration of Special Measures: Importation of Untreated Wool and Hair of Susceptible Animals from Eswatini, Hungary, and Slovakia” made 24 June 2025 is revoked.

#### **Coming into force of the Declaration**

4. The revocation in paragraph 3 and the special measures in this Declaration come into force on the day following the day on which the Declaration is made.

Date made: 17 September 2025

Signed Dr Balazs Toth, Lead Assessor, UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Available here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/678934139752f24aa157354a/England\\_Safeguard\\_Declaration\\_Untreated\\_hair\\_and\\_GBHC590.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/678934139752f24aa157354a/England_Safeguard_Declaration_Untreated_hair_and_GBHC590.pdf)

***Import of animals or products in breach of this declaration is an offence under regulation 39 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 20***