

## **DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL CASINGS FROM SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS 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 animal casings from susceptible animals 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 animal casings from 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”.

#### **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**

4. The “Declaration of Special Measures: Importation of Animal Casings from Susceptible Animals from Eswatini, Hungary and Slovakia” made by the Secretary of State on 24 June 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.

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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/6789337669b9b76c761d0527/England\\_Safeguard\\_Declaration\\_Casings\\_and\\_GBHC370.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6789337669b9b76c761d0527/England_Safeguard_Declaration_Casings_and_GBHC370.pdf).

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

***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 2011.***