

DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: IMPORTATION OF UNTREATED WOOL AND HAIR FROM ESWATINI 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 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 (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 untreated wool and hair of 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 “27. Eswatini”;
 - ii. omit “67. Slovakia”; and
 - iii. insert “78. Germany”.

Revocation of previous measures

3. The “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.

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/67893471d0561c11b91d0536/Wales_Safeguard_Declaration_Untreated_hair_and_GBHC590.pdf

Date made: 17 September 2025

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a large, sweeping curve underneath.

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A person duly authorised by the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, one of 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.