

**DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: ROMANIA
THE TRADE IN ANIMALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS 2012**

The Scottish Ministers have reasonable grounds for suspecting the existence of *Brucella canis* (*B.canis*) in Romania, such that dogs originating in or dispatched from Romania are liable to pose risk to human or animal health.

Under regulation 25(1) of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012⁽¹⁾, Scottish Ministers declare the following necessary special measures in order to contain the risk to human or animal health:

Additional conditions for entry into Scotland

1. No person may import a dog originating in or dispatched from Romania into Scotland unless the following conditions are met -

(a) a blood sample from that dog has been collected and submitted to the national reference laboratory in accordance with the requirements in paragraph 3,

(b) *B. canis* serological tests have been carried out on that sample by the national reference laboratory and a negative result is produced,

(c) two working days before the expected arrival into Scotland, the importer submits the report from the national reference laboratory confirming the negative test result to the Scottish Ministers through the appropriate computerised management system, and

(d) the dog enters Scotland no later than 30 calendar days after the day on which the blood sample was collected in accordance with the requirements in paragraph 3.

2. The conditions listed in paragraph 1 are in addition to any other requirements that apply in relation to the import of dogs, including the requirements contained in the Declaration of special measures for the commercial import of animals from Belarus, Poland, Romania and Ukraine made on 28 October 2022².

¹ [S.S.I. 2012/177](#). Regulation 25 was substituted by S.S.I. 2019/412 and amended by S.S.I. 2020/458.

² The Declaration of special measures for the commercial import of animals from Belarus, Poland, Romania and Ukraine (Scotland) is available here:
[Declaration of special measures for the commercial import of animals from Ukraine Belarus Poland and Romania from 29 October Scotland .pdf](#)

Requirements for the collection and submission of blood samples

3. The requirements are –

- (a) the blood sample must be collected by an authorised veterinarian and recorded in the appropriate form published by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, as amended from time to time, and
- (b) the blood sample and the appropriate form must be sent by post to the national reference laboratory in accordance with any other requirements applicable to its transport, by the authorised veterinarian.

Exceptions

4. The special measures in this Declaration do not apply in relation to the importation of consignments of dogs into Scotland which –

- (a) have been pre-notified through the appropriate computerised management system before the date on which the special measures in this Declaration apply, and
- (b) enter Scotland on or before 15 October 2025.

Interpretation

5. In this Declaration –

- (a) “authorised veterinarian” means any veterinarian who has been authorised by the competent authority of the third country of origin or dispatch to carry out specific tasks in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 576/2013³ or with regulations made pursuant to Regulation (EU) No 576/2013;
- (b) “*B. canis* serological tests” means the *B. canis* SAT (Serum Agglutination Test) (TC1032) and the *B. canis* iELISA (indirect Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay) (TC0116);
- (c) “importer” has the same meaning as in regulation 2 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012;
- (d) “national reference laboratory” means the relevant laboratory at the Animal and Plant Health Agency Weybridge, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB;

³ EUR 576/2013.

(e) “working day” means a day other than Saturday or Sunday which is not Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday under section 1 of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971⁴.

Duration of special measures

6. 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 further declaration.

Date made: 06 October 2025

Signed:

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Import of a product in breach of this declaration is an offence under regulation 33 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

⁴ 1971 c.80.