

**DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: ROMANIA
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 *Brucella canis* (*B. canis*) in Romania, such that dogs originating in or dispatched from that country are liable to pose risk to human or animal health in Wales.

In exercise of the powers conferred by 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 order to contain that risk to human or animal health:

Additional conditions of entry for dogs from Romania imported into Wales

1. No person may import a dog originating in or dispatched from Romania 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 2;
 - b. where the importer, or the authorised veterinarian who submitted the blood sample to the national reference laboratory under paragraph 2, has received a report from the national reference laboratory confirming that it has carried out *B. canis* Serological Tests on the sample and a negative result was produced, the importer has submitted that report to the Welsh Ministers through the appropriate computerised management system two working days before the date of the expected arrival of the dog into Wales; and
 - c. the dog enters Wales no later than 30 calendar days after the day on which the blood sample was collected in accordance with paragraph 2.

Requirements for the collection and submission of blood samples

2. 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, 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.

Transitional Provision

3. The special measures in this Declaration do not apply in relation to the importation of consignments of dogs into Wales which—
 - a. have been pre-notified through the appropriate computerised management system before the date this Declaration comes into force; and
 - b. enter Wales on or before 15 October 2025.

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).

Application of other requirements

4. The requirements in this Declaration 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: Belarus, Poland, Romania and Ukraine, made on 31 October 2022².

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) 576/2013 or with regulations made pursuant to Regulation (EU) 576/2013³;
 - 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 (Wales) Regulations 2011⁴;
 - d. “national reference laboratory” means the relevant laboratory at the Animal and Plant Health Agency Weybridge, Woodham Lane, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NB;
 - 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 1971⁵.

Coming into force of the Declaration

6. This Declaration comes into force on the day following the day on which the Declaration is made.

Date made: 6 October 2025

Signed:

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² The Declaration of special measures for the commercial import of animals from Ukraine, Belarus, Poland and Romania (Wales) is available here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/635fbd68e90e0705b3c3ce54/Declaration_of_special_measures_for_the_commercial_import_of_animals_from_Ukraine_Belarus_Poland_and_Romania_from_29_October_Wales_.pdf. The amendment to the Declaration is available here: [Amendment to declaration of special measures for the commercial import of animals from Ukraine Belarus Poland and Romania Wales .pdf](#)

³ EUR 2013/576.

⁴ S.I. 2011/2379 (W. 252); relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2020/44 (W. 5), 2020/1612 (W. 337).

⁵ 1971 c. 80.

A person duly authorised by the Welsh Ministers

Importing in breach of this declaration is an offence under regulation 39 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011.