DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: SERBIA 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 sheep pox and goat pox in Serbia, such that certain products originating from Serbia are liable to pose risk to animal health.

Under regulation 29(1) of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011,¹ 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:

Suspension of entry into England

- Entry into England is suspended for
 - a. hay and straw originating from Serbia;
 - b. untreated hides and skins of ovine and caprine animals originating from Serbia.

Interpretation

- 2. In paragraph 1 of this Declaration
 - a. "hay" means swedes, mangolds, fodder roots, hay, lucerne (alfalfa), clover, sainfoin, forage kale, lupines, vetches and similar forage products whether or not in form of pallets: other than lucerne (alfalfa) meal and pellets;
 - b. "straw" means cereal straw and husks, unprepared, whether or not chopped, ground, pressed or in the form of pellets;
 - c. "untreated hides and skins" has the same meaning as in Annex I to assimilated Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011.²

Coming into force and duration of the special measures

3. 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 a further declaration.

Date made: 08 October 2025

Signed: Anna Nicholls

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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.

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

² EUR 142/2011 as assimilated in UK law.