

DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL CASINGS FROM CYPRUS 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 Cyprus such that animal casings from susceptible animals originating from Cyprus are liable to pose a risk to animal health.

However, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is satisfied that the grounds to suspect the existence of foot and mouth disease in Slovakia no longer exist, and that the restrictions on animal casings from susceptible animals originating from Slovakia are no longer required.

In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 29(1) and (3) of the Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011¹, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs declare 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 2025² (“the declaration”) is amended in accordance with paragraph 2.
2. In the declaration—
 - a. in Annex 1, in the table—
 - i. omit “20. Cyprus”; and
 - ii. insert “79. Slovakia”.

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.

Coming into force of the declaration

4. This declaration comes into force on the day following the day on which the declaration is made.

Date made: 23 February 2026

Signed: Anna Nicholls, Policy and Strategy Lead, UK Office for SPS Trade Assurance

A person duly authorised by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

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

² Available here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6789337669b9b76c761d0527/England_Safeguard_Declaration_Casings_and_GBHC370.pdf