

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

However, the Welsh Ministers are 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 (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 animal casings from 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 “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:

Dr Richard Irvine, MRCVS
Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales

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

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/678933e39752f24aa1573549/Wales_Safeguard_Declaration_Casings_and_GBHC370.pdf