

DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: IMPORTATION OF UNTREATED WOOL AND HAIR 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 certain animal by-products 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 untreated wool and hair 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 untreated wool and hair of 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”.

Coming into force of the declaration

3. 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/67893471d0561c11b91d0536/Wales_Safeguard_Declaration_Untreated_hair_and_GBHC590.pdf