

## **DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL CASINGS FROM SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS FROM GREECE**

### **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 Greece such that animal casings from susceptible animals originating from Greece are liable to pose a risk to animal health.

In exercise of the powers conferred by regulation 29(1) and (3) of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011<sup>1</sup>, 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 2025 (as amended)<sup>2</sup> (“the Declaration”) is amended in accordance with paragraph 2.
2. In the Declaration—
  - a. in Annex 1, in the table, omit “31. Greece”.

#### **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 this declaration**

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

Date made: 18 March 2026

Signed:

*Dr Natalie Sampson, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer, Wales.*

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> Available here:

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