

DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: ITALY

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 lumpy skin disease in Italy, such that certain products originating from Italy are liable to pose risk to animal health.

Under regulation 29(1) 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 control the risk to animal health:

Suspension of entry into Wales:

1. Subject to paragraphs 2 and 5, entry into Wales is suspended for hides and skins of bovine animals originating from Italy.
2. The restrictions in paragraph 1 do not apply if the hides and skins have been subjected to any of the following treatments—
 - a. dry-salted or wet-salted for a period of at least 14 days prior to dispatch;
 - b. salted for a period of at least 7 days in sea salt and 2% sodium carbonate;
 - or
 - c. dried for a period of at least 42 days at a temperature of at least 20°C.
3. Subject to paragraphs 4 and 5, entry into Wales is suspended for animal by-products of bovine animals originating from Italy.
4. The restrictions in paragraph 3 do not apply to—
 - a. gelatine;
 - b. photogelatine;
 - c. collagen;
 - d. hooves;
 - e. horns;
 - f. canned petfood;
 - g. processed animal protein;
 - h. hydrolysed protein;
 - i. dicalcium phosphate;
 - j. tricalcium phosphate;

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).

- k. blood products for use as animal feed provided they have undergone any of processing methods numbered 1 to 5 as set out in Chapter III of Annex IV of Regulation 142/2011;
- l. blood products for use outside the feed chain, provided that:
 - i. they have undergone one of the processing methods set out in point 3.1(a) of Section 2, Chapter II of Annex XIV to Regulation 142/2011; and
 - ii. in the case of imports of untreated Foetal Bovine Serum (FBS), the FBS is accompanied by:
 - 1. an Export Health Certificate (EHC) for untreated blood products intended for use outside the feed chain; and
 - 2. documentary evidence, attached to the EHC produced in TRACES NT, demonstrating that either:
 - a. the FBS has returned a negative result following testing for lumpy skin disease using a PCR test conducted using the Bowden et al assay by an accredited laboratory; or
 - b. the FBS was collected before 21 December 2024.
- m. rendered fats provided they have undergone any of the processing methods numbered 1 to 5 as set out in Chapter III of Annex IV of Regulation 142/2011;
- n. fat derivatives provided they have undergone either;
 - i. one of the treatments set out in point 1 of Chapter XI of Annex XIII to Regulation 142/2011; or
 - ii. any of the processing methods numbered 1 to 5 as set out in Chapter III of Annex IV of Regulation 142/2011;
- o. processed petfood other than canned petfood provided it has undergone one of the treatments set out at points (i), (ii), (iii) or (v) of paragraph 3(b) of Chapter II of Annex XIII to Regulation 142/2011;
- p. game trophies that are made from or containing bovine hides or skins provided they have undergone one of the treatments set out in points 2b, c or d of Article 11.9.13 of the WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code²;
- q. game trophies or other preparations solely comprised of bones, horns, hooves, claws, antlers or teeth provided;
 - i. they have been immersed in boiling water for an appropriate time so as to ensure that any matter other than bone, horns, claws, antlers or teeth is removed; and
 - ii. any part consisting of bone has subsequently been disinfected with hydrogen peroxide;

² Version in force as at 8 October 2025; accessible here: <https://sont.woah.org/portal/tool?le=en>

- r. dog chews made from hides and skins provided they have;
 - i. undergone one of the treatments set out in points 2b, c or d of Article 11.9.13 of the WOAHP Terrestrial Animal Health Code;
 - ii. been heat treated to 90°C through their substance; or
 - iii. been heat treated at 65°C for 30 minutes;
 - s. dog chews made from animal by-products provided they have been heat treated to 90°C through their substance;
 - t. milk, milk-based and milk-derived products provided they have;
 - i. undergone any of the treatments set out in points B.1.1, 1.2, 1.3 or 1.4a of Section 4 of Chapter 2 of Annex X to Regulation 142/2011;
 - ii. complied with points B.2 and B.4 of Section 4 of Chapter 2 of Annex X to Regulation 142/2011; or
 - iii. in the case of whey products, complied with points B.2, B.3(a) and B.4 of Section 4 of Chapter 2 of Annex X to Regulation 142/2011;
 - u. bones or bone products for use other than as feed material, organic fertilisers or soil improvers provided they are accompanied by a commercial document stamped by the Competent Authority of the exporting country supervising the establishment of origin certifying that the product has been subjected to one of the treatments referred to in points (iii), (iv) and (v) of paragraph 2(d) in Section 7 of Chapter II in Annex 14 to Regulation 142/2011;
 - v. animal by-products, other than those listed in paragraph 4(a) – (u) above, which have undergone heat treatment to a minimum internal temperature of 65°C for at least 30 minutes.
5. The restrictions in paragraphs 1 and 3 do not apply if the hides and skins or animal by-products are—
- a. intermediate products;
 - b. research and diagnostic samples; or
 - c. trade samples.

Interpretation

6. In this declaration—
- a. “animal by-products” means entire bodies or parts of animals, products of animal origin or other products obtained from animals, which are not intended for human consumption, excluding germinal products and hides and skins;
 - b. “blood products” means derived products from blood or fractions of blood, excluding blood meal, including dried, frozen and liquid plasma, dried whole blood, dried, frozen and liquid red cells or fractions thereof and mixtures;

- c. “canned petfood” means heat-processed petfood contained within a hermetically sealed container;
- d. “Category 3 material” has the meaning given by Article 10 of Regulation 1069/2009;
- e. “dog chews” means products for pet animals to chew, produced from the untanned hides, skins, bones or the animal by-products of bovines;
- f. “fat derivatives” means products derived from rendered fats;
- g. “hides and skins” means all cutaneous and subcutaneous tissues;
- h. “hydrolysed protein” means polypeptides, peptides and amino acids, and mixtures thereof, obtained by the hydrolysis of animal by-products;
- i. “milk, milk-based and milk-derived products” means milk from bovine species, and products made from or derived from milk from bovine species;
- j. “processed animal protein” means animal protein derived entirely from Category 3 material (excluding blood products, milk, milk-based products, milk-derived products, colostrum, colostrum products, centrifuge or separator sludge, gelatine, hydrolysed proteins and dicalcium phosphate, eggs and egg-products, including eggshells, tricalcium phosphate and collagen), which has been treated in accordance with Section 1 of Chapter II of Annex X to Regulation 142/2011 so as to render it suitable for direct use as feed material or for any other use in feeding stuffs, including petfood, or for use in organic fertilisers or soil improvers;
- k. “processed petfood” means petfood, other than raw petfood, which has been processed in accordance with point 3 of Chapter II of Annex XIII of Regulation 142/2011;
- l. “Regulation 142/2011” means Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011³;
- m. “Regulation 1069/2009” means Commission Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009⁴;
- n. “rendered fats” means fats derived from the processing of either;
 - i. animal by-products; or
 - ii. products for human consumption, which an operator has destined for purposes other than human consumption.

Revocation

7. The “Declaration of Special Measures: Italy” made on 11 August 2025 by the Welsh Ministers is revoked.

³ EUR 142/2011 as assimilated in UK law.

⁴ EUR 1069/2009 as assimilated in UK law.

Coming into force and duration of the special measures

8. The revocation in paragraph 7 and 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: 25 June 2026

Signed:

**Dr Richard Irvine, MRCVS
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A person duly authorised by the Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability,
one of the Welsh Ministers

Import of animals or products in breach of this declaration is an offence under regulation 39 of the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011.