DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: IMPORTATION OF UNTREATED WOOL AND HAIR OF SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS FROM CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

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 third countries and territories outside Great Britain, such that certain animal by-products originating in those countries and territories 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[1], the Welsh Ministers declare the following special measures to be necessary in Wales in order to contain the risk to animal health.

Amendment to the existing declaration

1. The Declaration of Special Measures: importation of untreated wool and hair of foot and mouth disease susceptible animals from certain third countries and territories (Wales) made by the Welsh Ministers on 16 January 2025[2] ("the Declaration") is amended in accordance with paragraph 2.

2. In the Declaration—

a. in paragraph 3(a), for "countries and territories" in the second place it occurs, substitute "third countries and territories outside Great Britain";

b. in Annex 1, in the table, omit "43. Lesotho";

c. in Annex 2, in point (i) (Botswana), omit—

i. "– one zone consisting of Zones 3c (Dukwi), 4b, 5, 6a, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13";

ii. "– one zone consisting of Zone 3c (Maitengwe)";

iii. "– one zone covering Zone 6b"; and

iv. "– one zone covering Zone 7".

Coming into force of this declaration

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

Date made: 19 November 2026

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[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

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