DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL CASINGS FROM SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS FROM CERTAIN THIRD COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

THE TRADE IN ANIMALS AND RELATED PRODUCTS REGULATIONS 2011 (SI 2011/1197)

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has reasonable grounds for suspecting the existence of foot-and-mouth disease in certain third countries and territories outside Great Britain, such that animal casings from susceptible animals 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 Regulations 2011[1], the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs declares the following special measures to be necessary in England in order to contain the risk to animal health.

Amendment to 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 Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 16 January 2025[2] ("the Declaration") is amended in accordance with paragraph 2.

2. In the Declaration—

a. for "countries" in all places it occurs apart from the title, substitute "third countries";
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)"; and
    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

Signed: Anna Nicholls

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A person duly authorised by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

[1] S.I. 2011/1197. Regulation 29 was amended by S.I. 2019/1488 and S.I 2020/1462.
[2] Available here: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6789337669b9b76c761d0527/England_Safeguard_Declaration_Casings_and_GBHC370.pdf