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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	**Notifying Member:** UNITED KINGDOM **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
3.	**Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Hay and straw and certain animal by-products of animals susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease that fall within the relevant subsections of the following HS codes: • **HS 04 – Dairy produce:** milk, milk-based products and milk-derived products; • **HS 05 – Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included: 0502** (pigs', hogs' or boars' bristles and hair, and waste thereof); **0506** (bones and horn-cores, including powder and waste); **0507** (horns, antlers, hooves, nails, claws and related products, including powder and waste); and **0511** (other animal products not elsewhere specified or included, including relevant blood products); • **HS 12 – Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder: 1213** (cereal straw and husks) and **1214** (hay and other forage products); • **HS 15 – Animal, vegetable or microbial fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes:1501** (pig fat); **1502** (fats of bovine animals, sheep or goats); **1506** (other animal fats and oils and their fractions); and **1518** (chemically modified animal fats and oils, and relevant inedible mixtures or preparations); • **HS 23 – Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder: 2309** (preparations of a kind used in animal feeding, including relevant dog chews and processed pet food); • **HS 30 – Pharmaceutical products: 3002 12 00** (antisera and other blood fractions) and **3002 90 30** (animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic uses); • **HS 31 – Fertilisers: 3101** (animal or vegetable fertilisers) and **3105 10 00** (goods of Chapter 31 in tablets or similar forms, or in packages of a gross weight not exceeding 10 kg), where comprising or containing relevant manure; • **HS 35 – Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes: 3501** (casein, caseinates and other casein derivatives; casein glues) and **3502** (albumins, albuminates and other albumin derivatives); • **HS 41 – Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather:** relevant products under **4101** (raw hides and skins of bovine or equine animals), **4102** (raw skins of sheep or lambs) and **4103** (other raw hides and skins); • **HS 51 – Wool, fine or coarse animal hair; horsehair yarn and woven fabric: 5101** (wool, not carded or combed), **5102** (fine or coarse animal hair, not carded or combed) and **5103** (waste of wool or of fine or coarse animal hair); and • **HS 97 – Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques: 9705** (collections and collectors' pieces of zoological or anatomical interest), where comprising relevant game trophies or other preparations.

4. **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**

[X] All trading partners

[ ] Specific regions or countries:

5. **Title of the notified document:** Declaration of special measures: importation of certain products from certain third countries and territories (England) - The Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011 (SI 2011/1197); Declaration of special measures: importation of certain products from certain third countries and territories (Scotland) - The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012; Declaration of special measures: importation of certain products from certain third countries and territories (Wales) - The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011 (SI 2011/2379 (w. 252)). **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** -

6. **Description of content:** These declarations of special measures are necessary to prevent the incursion of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) to the United Kingdom.

The measures prohibit the import of hay and straw and certain animal by-products from animals susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease from any countries, or zones within countries, that are not recognised by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) as free of foot-and-mouth disease – either with or without vaccination. This is in line with the recommendations set down in Articles 8.8.28, 8.8.30, 8.8.32, 8.8.33 and 8.8.36-8.8.40 of the WOAH Terrestrial Code.

The prohibition does not apply to animal by-products if they are an intermediate product, a trade sample or research and diagnostic samples.

7. **Objective and rationale: [ ] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.**

8. **Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:** The conditions for imports into Great Britain of hay and straw and certain animal by-products from animals susceptible to foot-and-mouth disease need to be strengthened to manage an urgent biosecurity risk. Foot-and-mouth disease incursion would have significant animal health and economic consequences for the UK. Action is required to limit imports to only countries and zones that are recognised by the World Organisation of Animal Health as free of foot-and-mouth disease.

9. **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**

[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:

[X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*: Terrestrial Animal Health Code – Chapter 8.8 – Articles 8.8.28, 8.8.30, 8.8.32, 8.8.33 and 8.8.36-8.8.40

[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:

[ ] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [ ] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

10. **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Declarations of special measures, covering imports into England, Scotland and Wales, have been made under:

- The Trade in Animals and Related Products Regulations 2011 (England),
- The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Wales) Regulations 2011,
- The Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

These declarations can be accessed here, under the heading "Declaration of special measures: importation of certain products from certain third countries and territories": Imports, exports and EU trade of animals and animal products: topical issues - GOV.UK. (available in English)

11. **Date of entry into force (*dd/mm/yy*)/period of application (as applicable):** 27 October 2026

[ ] **Trade facilitating measure**

12. **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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13. **Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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