FMD: Restrictions on fresh beef and game meat from Eswatini

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1200 as regards the entries for Canada, Eswatini, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, fresh meat of bovine animals, farmed and wild game ungulates and fresh meat of poultry and game birds

What is changing and why?

An outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) in Eswatini in cattle, sheep, and goats was confirmed on 20 May 2025. The European Union's recognition that Eswatini was authorised to export beef, sheep, lamb, and game meat to the EU, as regards animal health, is therefore suspended to protect the animal health status of the EU.

Actions

Regionalisation – putting in place measures to establish disease-free regions within a country – allows for regulations restricting the movement of animals to be limited to only the region affected by the disease. However, as Eswatini has provided no guarantees that would allow for regionalisation, the EU's removal of Eswatini from the animal health list affects the whole country.

Producers and exporters should engage with competent authorities to encourage and support the process of establishing guarantees that allow regionalisation.

Animal health rules must be strictly applied by non-EU countries in order to be able to export animals and animal products to the EU while avoiding the spread of diseases. It is important that competent authorities and operators work together to monitor animal health and keep diseases under control. Exporters should follow the Terrestrial Animal Health Code of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH), where rules can be found for each disease.

Timeline

The Regulation applies from **14 June 2025**.

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