Foot and mouth: suspension of beef from Botswana

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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/914 as regards the entries for Botswana, Canada, 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 certain animals and products of animal origin

What is changing and why?

Due to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) in Botswana's Barolong region on 1 April 2026, the European Union (EU) has suspended all imports of beef from Botswana. This measure aims to protect the EU from the potential spread of FMD.

Timeline

No consignments of beef from Botswana slaughtered and certified after **1 April 2026** may enter the EU market.

Consignments certified before 1 April 2026 are permitted onto the EU market until 29 June 2026 (90 days).

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