



# Regulatory News Alerts & Updates

## **Regulatory Alert: Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Outbreaks in Hungary and Slovakia**

March 27, 2025

### **Background:**

Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) is a highly contagious viral disease affecting cattle, sheep, pigs and other cloven-hoofed animals. It is responsible for significant economic losses and disruption to international trade in animals and products of animal origin. The World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) grants FMD- free status for countries in which the disease is not present.

### **What has happened?**

Following the FMD outbreak in Germany in January 2025, the presence of the disease has now been confirmed in Hungary and Slovakia.

On March 7, 2025, the competent authority of Hungary confirmed the outbreak of FMD in heifers in dairy cattle holding in Győr-Moson-Sopron country in Kisbajcs, near the Hungarian-Slovakian border.

On March 21, 2025, the competent authority of Slovakia confirmed 3 outbreaks of FMD in establishments in district Dunajská Streda, Trnavský region, near the Hungarian border. On March 25, 2025, another instance has been confirmed by Slovakian authorities, making the total of 4 cases in the country.

Protection and surveillance zones as well as other emergency measures have been implemented by the authorities of both countries in line with national and European Union (EU) regulations.

Countries worldwide, including the EU Member States have introduced preventative measures relating to products originating in and exported from Hungary and Slovakia. These include restrictions on import of specific products from affected countries with immediate effect due to the FMD outbreak

## **What does it mean to FedEx and customers?**

Exporters in Hungary and Slovakia are recommended to enquire about the current restrictions, via the importer, at the veterinary authority responsible for the destination.

Importers worldwide should consult their authorities on the latest developments and requirements as these can change very quickly.

Important to remember that there are some commodities prohibited from FedEx network in any case (unless specific exceptions apply):

1. Live animals
2. Animal carcasses, insects and pets
3. Perishable foodstuffs and foods and beverages requiring refrigeration or other environmental control.

Please check each country's list of specific prohibitions on top of the above:

- [FedEx.com](https://www.fedex.com)

**Timeline for implementation:** March 7, 2025

## **References:**

European Commission Foot and Mouth Disease webpage

[https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/animal-diseases/diseases-and-control-measures/foot-and-mouth-disease\\_en](https://food.ec.europa.eu/animals/animal-diseases/diseases-and-control-measures/foot-and-mouth-disease_en)

Chronology of main events and list of decisions adopted by the European Commission

[https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/9e0e4403-0ddf-409a-899d-c0c445de8c51\\_en?filename=ad\\_control-measures\\_fmd\\_chron\\_hu-sk-20250307.pdf#:~:text=This%20document%20summarises%20basic%20information%20on%20the%20outbreaks,action.%20It%20focuses%20on%20the%20animal%20health%20aspects](https://food.ec.europa.eu/document/download/9e0e4403-0ddf-409a-899d-c0c445de8c51_en?filename=ad_control-measures_fmd_chron_hu-sk-20250307.pdf#:~:text=This%20document%20summarises%20basic%20information%20on%20the%20outbreaks,action.%20It%20focuses%20on%20the%20animal%20health%20aspects)

Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/613 of 24 March 2025 concerning certain emergency measures relating to foot and mouth disease in Hungary and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/496 (notified under document C (2025) 1898)

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Hungarian Government webpage

<https://portal.nebih.gov.hu/rsz kf-kereskedelmi-informaciok>

FedEx – Global Shipping Restrictions and Prohibited Items

<https://www.fedex.com/en-gb/shipping/international-prohibited-items.html>

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