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UNITED KINGDOM INTERNAL MARKET

**The United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Exclusions from
Market Access Principles: Glue Traps) Regulations 2026**

Made - - - - - *29th January 2026*

Coming into force - - *20th February 2026*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 10(2) of the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020(a) (“the 2020 Act”), makes the following Regulations.

In accordance with section 10(7) and (9) of the 2020 Act, the Secretary of State has—

- (a) had regard to the importance of facilitating the access to the market within Great Britain of qualifying Northern Ireland goods; and
- (b) sought and obtained the consent of the Scottish Ministers, the Welsh Ministers and the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland to the making of these Regulations.

A draft of this instrument was laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament in accordance with sections 10(8) and 57(1) of the 2020 Act.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Exclusions from Market Access Principles: Glue Traps) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the twenty-first day after the day on which they are made.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020

2. In Schedule 1(b) to the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (exclusions from market access principles), after paragraph 13 insert—

(a) 2020 c. 27.

(b) Schedule 1 was amended by the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (Exclusions from Market Access Principles: Single-Use Plastics) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/857).

“Glue traps

14.—(1) The United Kingdom market access principles do not apply to (and sections 2(3) and 5(3) do not affect the operation of) legislation so far as it prohibits the sale of glue traps.

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), “glue trap” means any trap that is designed, or is capable of being used, to catch an animal other than an invertebrate and uses an adhesive substance as the means, or one of the means, of capture.”.

29th January 2026

Hayman of Ullock
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend Schedule 1 to the United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020 (c. 27) (“the 2020 Act”) to insert a further exclusion from the market access principles set out in Part 1 of the 2020 Act in respect of glue traps. The effect of the amendment is that the market access principles will not apply to, or affect the operation of, legislation so far as it prohibits the sale of glue traps in any part of the United Kingdom. For the purposes of this instrument, “sale” has the same meaning as in section 15 of the 2020 Act.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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