

Reduce the risk of African Swine Fever (ASF) reaching the UK

African Swine Fever is a disease that affects only pigs, but it has a devastating impact on productivity and the ability of a country to sell pork so it is vital we keep it out of the UK. The point to stress most is the importance of biosecurity which is the first line of defence against disease. That applies not only on the farm but also when travelling, particularly to and from areas where ASF has already been confirmed.

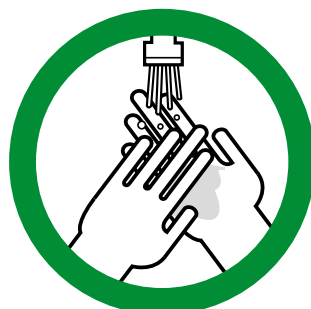
- Pork products which are salted or dried rather than cooked, can carry viruses such as ASF for up to 150 days
- The major risk is the possibility of pigs eating these products
- The risk is greatest from pork products originating from countries where ASF is already present

It is illegal to feed raw or cooked catering/household kitchen waste to pigs

To reduce the risk:

- Don't bring pig meat products on to the farm
- Don't feed scraps to cats and dogs as they could take them into the pig areas
- Dispose of food waste in secure containers through the normal domestic waste collection
- Store food in a designated canteen area with hand washing facilities
- Ensure that any friends and family visiting from abroad are aware of the risks

ASF has been confirmed in a number of countries including, Russia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Poland, Belgium, Romania and Czech Republic. These areas represent the biggest risk to the UK currently.



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