

UPDATE ON AFRICAN SWINE FEVER 1ST JUNE 2018

CONFIRMATION OF 1ST CASE IN WILD BOAR IN ROMANIA

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Wild Boar

On 30th May 2018 veterinary authorities confirmed the first case of African swine fever in wild boar in Romania. Surveillance of more than 5000 wild boar in the entire country was carried out in 2017 but no positive cases were detected. Approximately 2500 tests on wild boar which were concentrated in the high risk area in the first quarter of 2018 also returned negative results prior to the case on 30th May.

The outbreak occurred in the Satu Mare region in the north of the country near the border with Hungary and Ukraine. Preliminary epidemiological investigation indicates that the case is due to the natural migration of wild boar as the location is not far from infected areas of both Hungary and Ukraine. A restricted area and a high risk area have been established with movement restrictions introduced. A temporary ban on the feeding of wild boar and the hunting of all species has been introduced in the surrounding area in addition to movement restrictions and biosecurity measures.

Domestic Pigs

Romania had 2 separate outbreaks in June 2017 and 3 outbreaks in the first quarter of 2018 in domestic pigs in the same region of Satu Mare. Investigations showed that all of the cases in domestic pigs were likely to have been caused by the illegal feeding of infected food waste originating from other affected countries.



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