

# AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

## INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL HAULIERS

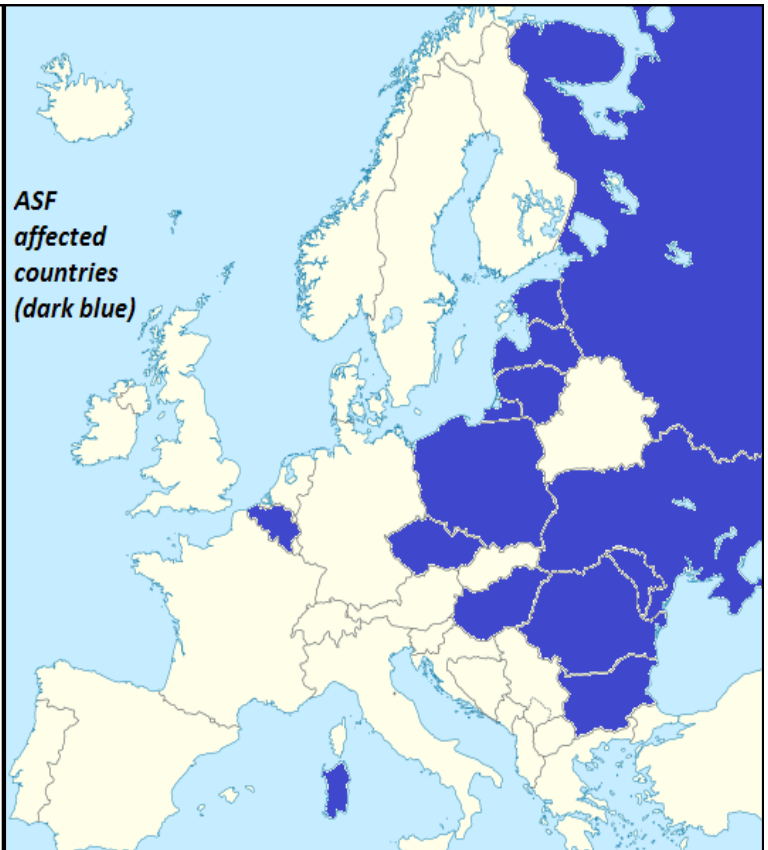


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African swine fever (ASF) is a devastating and often fatal viral disease of pigs and wild boar. The disease has been confirmed in Europe including EU Member States Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania and Belgium and other European countries including Russia and Ukraine.

**Ireland is free of ASF** and if an outbreak were to occur here it would have a severe impact on the Irish pig industry as well as the health and welfare of our pigs.

ASF does not pose a human health risk and meat is safe to eat. However, the **ASF virus can survive for months to years in pork and pork products such as cured hams, salamis, frozen pork etc.** Food waste containing infected meat which is eaten by pigs or wild boar can cause an outbreak of the disease.



International hauliers can help to prevent the spread of ASF by following some guidelines:

- ✓ **Always** dispose of food waste carefully in a secure bin away from animals
- ✓ Hauliers who transport livestock or visit pig farms in affected countries should ensure that their vehicles are cleaned and disinfected with an **approved disinfectant** before returning to Ireland
- ✗ **Never** feed food waste containing meat or meat products to pigs. It is illegal and can spread many diseases including African swine fever
- ✗ **Never** bring pork or pork products onto a pig farm where they may be accidentally eaten by pigs



**DISEASES DON'T RESPECT BORDERS - HELP TO KEEP IRELAND FREE OF ASF**

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