



Preventing African swine fever



Information sheet about African swine fever for
travellers, soldiers, haulage contractors,
professional drivers, hunters and seasonal workers

African swine fever (ASF) is a serious viral infection. It only affects **domestic pigs and wild boar**. It is fatal in almost all cases. The virus is **not harmful for humans**.

ASF is continuing to spread in Europe. The pathogen was first detected in Germany as well in autumn of 2020. The ASF virus broke out initially in Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate and Baden-Württemberg in June 2024.

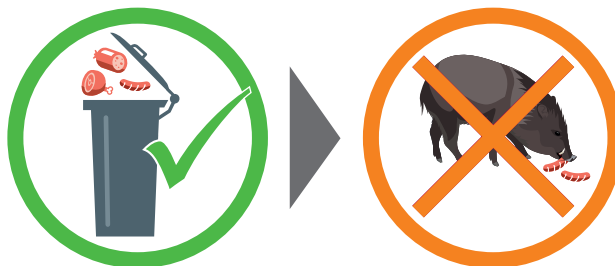
There is a **significant danger** that ASF may also be **introduced** into Bavaria. This information sheet provides information on the risks of introducing the virus and how they can be **prevented**. We kindly ask for your **cooperation**.

There are no vaccinations or treatments for the virus. ASF can only be tackled by culling and responsibly disposing of infected swine.

The **ASF virus** is able to survive not only in the **environment**, but also in **food-stuffs**. For example, it can remain **contagious** for **several months** when present in cold cuts or sausage. In foodstuffs, it is **resistant to freezing, brief heating, curing and smoking**. In the environment, the disease can be transmitted by direct animal-to-animal contact. Indirect transmission is also possible, e.g. via contaminated clothing, boots, tools or vehicles

You can help
too!

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Here are some ways you can prevent the spread of African swine fever and other diseases:

- Do not bring any products or foodstuffs containing pork into Germany.
- Do not leave any food waste outdoors. Wild boar can be found all over Germany.
- Please only dispose of leftover foodstuffs you bring in the closed waste containers intended for this purpose.
- Do not feed any animals with leftover foodstuffs.
- Clean and disinfect your shoes and clothing after visiting a site with livestock.
- Clean and disinfect your work clothing and equipment (e.g. for forestry work) before bringing them to Germany.
- Only bring hunting trophies into Germany once they have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. You must obtain confirmation from the competent veterinary authority.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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