

Preventing African swine fever



Information sheet about African swine fever
for travellers, haulage and trucking workers,
hunters and seasonal workers

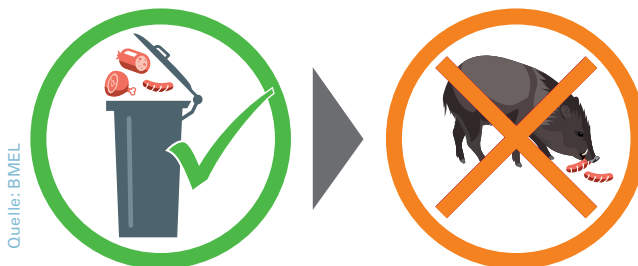
African swine fever (ASF) is a serious viral infection. It only affects **domestic pigs and wild boar**. It is fatal in almost all cases. **For humans**, the virus is **not harmful**.

ASF is spreading further throughout **Europe**. Regions currently affected include the Baltics, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Bulgaria, Moldova, Ukraine, Russia, and Belgium. Cases of ASF have also been reported in China.

There is a **significant danger** that ASF may also be **introduced** into Germany. This information sheet provides information on the risks of the introduction of the virus and how to **prevent** them. 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 not only able to survive in the **environment**, but also in **foodstuffs**. For example, in ham or sausage, it can remain **contagious for several months**. In foodstuffs, it is **resistant to freezing, brief heating, curing and smoking**. In the environment, the illness 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!

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 any 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 responsible veterinary authority.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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