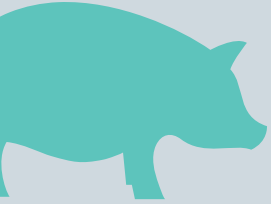


AFRICAN SWINE FEVER



The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is currently monitoring the spread of the African swine fever (ASF) in parts of Asia and Europe. This is a serious and deadly disease affecting pigs in which there is no vaccine and no cure.

Although there is no human health concern, if introduced to Canada, ASF would have a major impact on Canada's pork industry, valued at upwards of \$24 billion.

How can ASF enter Canada?

International travellers provide a unique pathway to bringing foreign animal diseases, such as ASF, into Canada.

Travellers must be diligent at the border:

- Declare food and animal products
- Declare if they have been on a farm and/or are planning to visit a farm in Canada within 14 days

Failure to declare can result in fines of up to \$1,300.

Other known pathways of ASF:

- Weak biosecurity practices by pork producers and pig owners
- Contaminated animal feed and feed ingredients imported from ASF infected countries

Canada is working to prevent the disease from crossing our border by strengthening our presence at all border entries.

Why is this important? If introduced, ASF could devastate Canada's pork industry.

Canada's pork industry contributes nearly \$24 billion to the Canadian economy and generates 103,000 direct and indirect jobs.

In 2017, over 1.2 million tonnes of pork, valued at \$4 billion, was exported to over 100 countries—equal to 70% of Canada's pork production.

ASF carries a high mortality rate in all pigs, both domestic and wild.

Travellers need to be aware of their role in keeping Canada safe from foreign animal diseases like ASF.

Your organization can help spread this important message.

- Marketing material can be customized to suit any format e.g. printed signage; inflight handouts.
- Messaging can be provided in multiple languages e.g. inflight announcements and reminders; web, media and social media content.

For more information about ASF and how to request customized messaging and/or marketing materials, please contact susan.hilton@canada.ca or 613-773-5252 andrea.moritz@canada.ca or 613-773-6659



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