

ASF Update

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Interim protective measures have been announced in the Official Journal of the EU covering the outbreak of African Swine Fever in Poland.

So far two cases have been confirmed in wild boar but at present Defra says the risk to the UK is still low.

The measures cover a number of municipalities on the Eastern border of the country with Belarus.

The measures which must be adopted include defining the area affected and drawing up an eradication plan for feral pigs.

As far as commercial pig units are concerned, the animals must be isolated from feral pigs, no pigs to enter or leave except where authorised by a competent authority, pigs and genetic material must not be moved for intra-community trade, biosecurity must be stepped up and all dead pigs must be tested.

All feral pigs which are found dead or have been shot must also be tested for the presence of ASF

The map below shows approximately where the restrictions have been applied.

The measures are outlined in Articles 15 and 16 of Directive 2002/60/EC. Follow this link for more information: http://eur-

lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2002:192:0027:0046:EN:PDF

