Information from Lithuania on the epidemiological situation, border control and surveillance measures applied as regards African swine fever

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ASF evolution in wild boar

ASF 2017

New case in 2017/12/28 (11 dead)

ASF 2017-2018

2nd case 2018/01/26 (18 dead)
ASF in wild boar in 2018

No outbreaks in domestic pigs

472 places with 1136 cases in wild boar (148 hunted and 988 found dead)
ASF CONTROL MEASURES IN WILD BOAR IN LITHUANIA

• Wild boar feeding is forbidden – only baiting is allowed.
• **Targeted hunt of females** (adult and sub-adult).
• Collection, testing and disposal of wild boar carcasses.
• All hunted wild boars within infected area are subject to laboratory tests for ASF.
• It is forbidden to use the meat of hunted wild boars and to move the meat from the hunting place within the infected area **before the results of ASF testing** have been obtained from the laboratory.
• Hunters should **process hunted wild boars** in special designated places and all ABPs should not be moved outside but kept in special tightly closed animal waste pits.
• Biosafety requirements for hunters clubs are in place.
• **Regular inspections are performed by official vets** (not less than 2/times per 1 year.)
ASF outbreaks in domestic pigs 2017

2017 – **28 outbreaks** in non-commercial farms, **2 -** in commercial farms
Control measures in pig holdings

- Eradication of the outbreaks - in accordance with the Directive 2002/60/EC;
- Trade restrictions in accordance with Commission Implementing Decision 2014/709/EC and national legal acts;
- Surveillance programme for ASF;
  - **Passive surveillance**: all sick pigs, every single dead sow and boar in case of increased mortality and morbidity are tested in all country;
  - Each week, virological testing of at least the first two death (post weaning pigs or pigs older than 2 months) in each production unit
  - active surveillance;
- **Preventive slaughter of pigs in back yard farms non complying with biosafety control in new area**;
- **Biosafety control in pig farms**
  - Special well trained official vets will perform inspections in commercial farms;
  - Priority to make inspection till the “hottest period”;
  - During 2017 -18 578 inspections were performed in pig farms.
- Ban of all live pig markets in the entire country.
New buffer zone was established from the 14 of March 2018

All farms are inspected by official control; farms which do not implemented biosecurity measures must slaughtered pigs for own consumption (until 30 of September) and delivered samples testing for ASF.
Surveillance data 2017

No. of wild boar tested in 2017 – 13,917

No. of pigs tested in 2017 – 12,060

Total No. of test performed (ELISA, RT-PCR, IPT) - 70,052

(2932 – positive)
To farmers in each municipality;

**To hunters, forest workers;**

To private veterinarians;

To insemination specialists;

And others...
Close cooperation with social partners

- Regularly meetings with:
  - pigs producer association;
  - local municipalities;
  - farmers;
  - hunters association, hunters
  - joint trainings with local vet. Authorities

More than 550 meetings during 2017 years

- Regularly meetings with border inspection
  - Forbidden to carry meat and meat products in personal luggage from third countries;
  - Transport control which transported animals and feed in border control posts;
Personal luggage control

• (EC) No 206/2009 was drafted, coordinated with the Customs Department and State Border Guard Service.

Private luggage checks are performed by the Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance jointly with SFVS.
The quantities of collected products is decreasing as:

- The availability of visual aids at entry and exit points is under continuous supervision; information is provided to:
  
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
  - Embassies in neighbouring countries;
  - Travel agencies,
Were collected at the border inspection posts, which were destroyed at the ABP destruction plant UAB “Rietavo veterinarinė sanitarija“.

- 2016 - 4819 kg
- 2017 - 4093 kg
Control of livestock vehicles at border posts

Commission implementing decision on measures to prevent the introduction into the union of the African swine fever virus from certain third countries or parts of the territory of third countries in which the presence of that disease is confirmed and repealing decision 2011/78/EU (2013/426/EU)

The control of vehicles on their way back from Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Russia is performed by SFVS officials at border veterinary posts.
• Upon arrival of a vehicle, which carried live animals, at a BIP, the driver has to submit the declaration on the cleaning and disinfection of the vehicle.

• The vehicle is subject to visual examination and officer completes declaration and the vehicle can enter the EU.
The numbers checks of livestock vehicles, which return to the EC, and are subject to controls at BIPs:

In 2016 – 285
In 2017 – 273
Thank you for your attention!