INCREASED RISK OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE UK:

⚠️ IMPORTANT ADVICE FOR ALL HAULIERS

What is African Swine Fever?

- African swine fever (ASF) is a disease of pigs caused by a virus, which is fatal to domestic pigs and wild boar.
- ASF is spreading through continental Europe and the risk of it entering the UK has increased.
- The virus is present in very high amounts in blood and carcases of affected wild boar, as well as in their droppings.
- ASF virus can survive for months to years in smoked, dried, cured and frozen meat from affected pigs or wild boar.
- Introduction of ASF into UK pigs or feral wild boar would be devastating for their health and for the country’s pig industry.

What should hauliers do?

- PLEASE DO NOT bring pork, wild boar meat or meat products back to the UK from affected areas.
- USE A SECURE BIN to dispose of waste food – avoid dropping meat products.
- NEVER feed pigs or wild boar with meat or meat products – THIS IS ILLEGAL.
- AVOID CONTACT with wild boar found dead or sick, and the area near them.

If you transport livestock:

- Please be aware that you can inadvertently bring back ASF infection if your clothing, footwear or equipment is contaminated directly from pigs or wild boar, or indirectly from the environment.
- It is vital that you follow the transport of animals legislation and your company’s cleaning and disinfection guidance.
- For further information, please follow cleaning and disinfection guidance overleaf and see: pork.ahdb.org.uk/media/2727/vehicle_factsheet.pdf
- Use a government approved disinfectant at General Orders rate – listed on gov.uk

Use a secure bin to dispose of pork, wild boar meat, or other meat products.
HOW TO CLEAN AND DISINFECT PIG TRANSPORT VEHICLES

**STEP 1**
Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (coveralls, personal protective eyewear, boots and gloves)

**STEP 2**
Starting on top deck, scrape and brush the sidewalls, division gates, and floor of the trailer

**STEP 3**
Scrape/brush the tail lift of the trailer

**STEP 4**
Remove any deposits of mud, straw etc. from wheels, wheel arches, mudguards and exposed chassis

**STEP 7**
Rinse all surfaces and equipment at high pressure with clean water

**STEP 8**
Inspect all internal and external surfaces to ensure they are thoroughly clean

**STEP 1**
Soak all external surfaces with heavy-duty cleaner solution

**STEP 2**
Clean the outside from top down, with attention to wheels, arches and mudguards

**STEP 3**
Inside, soak the ceiling, sidewalls, division gates, and floor of top and bottom decks

**STEP 4**
Wash the tail lift and gates thoroughly

**STEP 5**
Wash all vehicle equipment, tools and the belly box

**STEP 6**
Leave detergent solution for at least 20 minutes in order to penetrate and lift caked on dirt

**STEP 5**
Once the vehicle has been removed, wash away any remaining debris from the area

**STEP 6**
Disinfect overalls and boots

**STEP 2**
Clean the cab floor, mats and vehicle pedals

**STEP 3**
Using a clean cloth soaked in disinfectant solution, disinfect cab floor, mats and floor pedals

**STEP 4**
Park vehicle on a slope to drain and dry

**ORDER OF OPERATIONS**

**STEP 1**
Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (coveralls, personal protective eye wear, boots and gloves)

**STEP 2**
Outside, start at top and work down with attention to wheels, arches, mudguards and underside of vehicle

**STEP 3**
Inside, starting on top deck and working down, disinfect ceiling, sidewalls, divisions, floors and the tailgate

**STEP 4**
Outside, start at top and work down with attention to wheels, arches, mudguards and exposed chassis

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