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Subject: **ASF in pigs in Poland (ADNS 2020/2)**

Message:

Please find attached information received from the competent authority of Poland on the occurrence of African swine fever (ASF) in domestic pigs in the district of poznański. Measures in line with Council Directive 2002/60/EC are being implemented.

Please note that this occurrence of ASF is located outside restricted areas set by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/451 of 26 March 2020 amending the Annex to Implementing Decision 2014/709/EU concerning animal health control measures relating to African swine fever in certain Member States (OJ L 94, 27.3.2020, p. 23).

The Commission intends to review ASF regionalisation measures in due course.

I will keep you informed of further developments.

Yours faithfully,

Bernard Van Goethem

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Only by email

Dear Dr Van Goethem,

I would like to inform that **2020/2 outbreak of African swine fever (ASF)** in pigs in Poland was confirmed on 5 April 2020 on the basis of test results performed by the National Reference Laboratory for African swine fever (NVRI).

2020/2 outbreak of ASF has been confirmed in the holding, where 10 074 weaners were kept. The holding is located in Więckowice, Dopiewo municipality, poznański district, wielkopolskie voivodeship (miejscowość Więckowice, gmina Dopiewo, powiat poznański, województwo wielkopolskie), in the area which is free from African Swine Fever.

This farm has been recognized as contact holding to the outbreak no. 2020/1 established on 20 March 2020 in another farm belongs to the same company. Piglets from the holding in which outbreak no. 2020/1 was confirmed were moved for further rearing to the holding in poznański district, where on 5 April 2020 second outbreak was confirmed. That holding was the only farm where piglets were moved from the holding where 2020/1 outbreak was detected. The last movement of animals was on 16 March 2020.



Due to these animals movements, after confirmation the outbreak no. 2020/1, the farm in poznański district has been under enhanced supervision of Veterinary Inspection. At the beginning, on 20 March in total 62 blood samples were taken, 61 blood samples from live piglets and 1 sample from dead one. Results of all samples were negative in RT-PCR method. In the next days, dead animals were sampled for laboratory testing for ASF as part of passive monitoring, i.e. early detection of ASF infection. Mortality in this herd was not abnormal. The results of all samples tasted in March 2020 were negative. In addition, a ban on entering and leaving the animals to/from the farm was introduced on 20 march 2020 (the last movement of animals was dated 16 March - the purchase of 1900 piglets from a farm in the lubuskie voivodeship, where the first outbreak ASF outbreak was detected).

On 1 April 2020 the samples were taken from 5 dead piglets and sent to Regional Laboratory in Poznań with positive results in RT-PCR and then the samples were sent immediately to NRL in Puławy for confirmation. According to the results from NRL in Puławy, ASFV was detected in 2 samples.

Polish Veterinary Authority has taken appropriate actions in accordance with the requirements of Council Directive 2002/60/EC. Measures set out in that Directive have been implemented, including killing of pig kept at the holding, disposal of carcass at the rendering plant, disinfection and establishment of protection and surveillance zones around this outbreak.

I will keep you informed of any further developments.

Sincerely yours,


CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER
Bogdan Konopka



