
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 494

African Swine Fever Order (Northern Ireland) 2003

Feral pig investigation zone

13.—(1) Where the Department has reason to suspect that the disease exists in feral pigs in –

- (a) Northern Ireland; or
- (b) in any place in the Republic of Ireland within ten kilometres of the border with Northern Ireland,

the Department shall by notice declare the establishment of a feral pig investigation zone within Northern Ireland and the provisions of paragraph (3) shall apply in relation to that zone.

(2) The feral pig investigation zone shall cover such area in Northern Ireland as the Department considers necessary to enable it to carry out an investigation to confirm or rule out the presence of the disease.

(3) Any person who shoots, or finds the carcase of, a feral pig in the feral pig investigation zone, shall immediately inform the Divisional Veterinary Officer and if that person has shot the pig he shall keep the carcase for at least 24 hours and make it available to the appropriate Divisional Veterinary Officer for any sampling or testing which the Divisional Veterinary Officer may consider appropriate.