
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 494

African Swine Fever Order (Northern Ireland) 2003

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order –

“carcase” means a pig carcase and includes part of a carcase;

“the disease” means African swine fever;

“Divisional Veterinary Officer” means a Divisional Veterinary Officer of the Department appointed for the time being by the Department to receive information about infected or suspected animals or carcasses for the area in which such animals or carcasses are located;

“farmed game handling facility” means any building, premises, or place, other than a slaughterhouse, used for the purpose of slaughtering farmed game, the flesh of which is intended for sale for human consumption;

“feral pig” means a pig which is not kept or bred on a holding and is not in a slaughterhouse, knacker’s yard or means of transport;

“holding” means any place where any pig is bred or kept on a permanent or temporary basis or has been kept at anytime during the previous 56 days but does not include a slaughterhouse, knacker’s yard or means of transport or fenced area where feral pigs are kept and may be hunted;

“infected” means infected with disease;

“knacker’s yard” means any premises used in connection with the business of slaughtering, flaying or cutting up animals whose flesh is not intended for human consumption;

“meat” means the meat of a pig which is suitable for human consumption;

“pig” means an animal of the *suidae* family;

“pig product” means any product derived from the meat of a pig for human consumption;

“protection zone” means a protection zone established by the Department in accordance with Article 11;

“slaughterhouse” means any building, premises or place (other than a farmed game handling facility) for slaughtering animals the flesh of which is intended for sale for human consumption, and includes any place available in connection therewith for the confinement of animals while awaiting slaughter there;

“surveillance zone” means a surveillance zone established by the Department in accordance with Article 11;

“suspected” means suspected of being infected;

“temporary control zone” means a temporary control zone established by the Department in accordance with Article 10;

“vector” means a tick of the species *Ornithodoros erraticus*, or any other tick of the genus *Ornithodoros* which, in the opinion of the Chief Veterinary Officer, is capable of transmitting disease; and

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“the virus” means the African swine fever virus.

(2) For the purposes of this Order –

- (a) a pig or carcass is suspected of being infected with the disease if it has clinical signs or post-mortem lesions consistent with the effects of the virus or if the results of a diagnostic test indicate the possible presence of the virus in that animal or carcass;
- (b) a pig or carcass is infected with the disease if the Department determines that it is infected on the basis of clinical signs, post-mortem lesions or the result of a diagnostic test and any epidemiological circumstances.