

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

What is African Swine Fever?

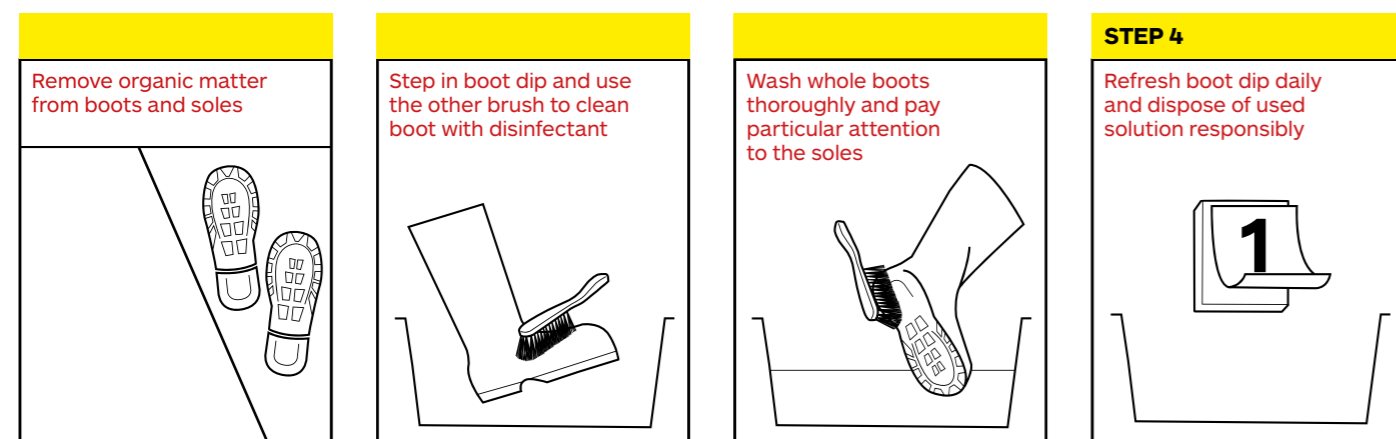
- ⚠ African swine fever (ASF) is a disease of pigs caused by a virus, which is usually fatal to domestic pigs and wild boar.
- ⚠ ASF is spreading through continental Europe and the risk of it entering the UK has increased.
- ⚠ The virus is present in very high amounts in blood, meat, offal and carcasses 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.
- ⚠ Hunters can inadvertently bring back ASF infection if their clothing, footwear or equipment is contaminated directly from wild boar or indirectly from the environment.
- ⚠ Introduction of ASF into UK domestic pigs or feral boar would be devastating for their health and for the country's pig industry.

Vital things hunters, especially wild boar hunters can do to help:

- ⚠ **AVOID HUNTING** in ASF affected countries, as you can make the problem worse. Some affected countries are banning hunting, so check before you go.
- ⚠ **AVOID CONTACT** with wild boar found dead or sick, and the area near them.
- ⚠ **AVOID CONTACT** with UK domestic pigs or wild boar on your return. If you have to visit premises with pigs, advice can be found at: pork.ahdb.org.uk/media/2726/visitor_factsheet.pdf
- ⚠ **PLEASE DO NOT** bring meat or meat products back to the UK, especially pork or pork products.
- ⚠ **NEVER** feed pigs or wild boar with any meat or meat products – **THIS IS ILLEGAL.**
- ⚠ **PLEASE DO NOT** bring dogs on hunting trips, as ASF infection can survive in their fur.

Practise good biosecurity

- ⚠ **CLEAN** and, where appropriate, **DISINFECT** your clothing, equipment, vehicle and footwear thoroughly before returning to the UK.
- ⚠ **DO NOT** remove trophies or carcass parts from the country or region.
- ⚠ Use a government approved disinfectant at General Orders rate – listed on gov.uk



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