

Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission Report

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**USA Comments**

CHAPTER 2.6.7.

**CLASSICAL SWINE FEVER**

**General Comment:** For consistency with the other Code Chapters being updated, the term “CSF infected countries” should be replaced with the term “CSFV infected countries”.

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Article 2.6.7.3.

**CSF free country, zone or compartment**

1. CSF free status in the absence of an outbreak

a) Historically free status

A country, or zone or compartment may be considered free from CSF after conducting a *risk assessment* as referred to in Article 2.6.7.2. but without formally applying a specific surveillance programme, if the provisions of Article 3.8.1.6. are complied with.

b) Free status as a result of a specific surveillance programme

A country, ~~zone or compartment~~ which does not meet the conditions of point 1 above may be considered free from CSF when a *risk assessment* as referred to in Article 2.6.7.2. has been conducted, surveillance in accordance with Appendix 3.8.8. has been in place for at least 12 months, and when no *outbreak* has been observed for at least 12 months.

2. CSF free status following an outbreak b) Free status as a result of an eradication programme

A country, or zone or compartment which does not meet the conditions of point a) ~~or b)~~ above or a compartment may be considered free from CSF when: if surveillance in accordance with Appendix 3.8.8. has been in place and after a risk assessment as referred to in Article 2.6.7.2. has been conducted, and

a) where a *stamping out policy* without vaccination is practised and no *outbreak* has been observed in domestic pigs for at least 6 months;

OR

b) where a *stamping out policy* with vaccination is practised, and either:

- ~~i)- vaccinated pigs are slaughtered, and no *outbreak* has been observed in domestic pigs for at least 6 months after the last vaccinated pig was slaughtered; or~~
- ~~ii)- where there are validated means of distinguishing between vaccinated and infected pigs, no *outbreak* has been observed in domestic pigs for at least 6 months;~~

~~OR~~

- ~~e)- where a vaccination strategy is practised without a *stamping-out policy*:~~
  - ~~i)- vaccination has been banned in all domestic pigs in the country, *zone* or *compartment* for at least 12 months, unless there are validated means of distinguishing between vaccinated and infected pigs;~~
  - ~~ii)- if vaccination has been practised within the past 5 years, surveillance in accordance with Appendix 3.8.8. has been in place for at least 6 months to demonstrate the absence of infection within the population of domestic pigs 6 months to one year old; and~~
  - ~~iii)- no *outbreak* has been observed in domestic pigs for at least 12 months;~~

~~AND~~

~~in all cases, based on surveillance in accordance with Appendix 3.8.8., CSF infection is not known to occur in any wild pig population in the country or *zone*.~~

- ~~i) there has been no *outbreak* of CSF during the past 12 months;~~
- ~~ii) no evidence of CSFV *infection* has been found during the past 12 months;~~
- ~~iii) no vaccination against CSF has been carried out during the past 12 months;~~
- ~~iv) surveillance in accordance with Appendix 3.8.8. has been in place in domestic pigs for the past 12 months;~~

~~AND~~

~~in the case of a country or *zone*, surveillance in accordance with Appendix 3.8.8. has been in place to determine the CSF status of the wild pig population, and;~~

- ~~v) there has been no clinical evidence or virological evidence of CSF in wild pigs during the past 12 months;~~
- ~~vi) no seropositive wild pigs have been detected in the age class 6–12 months during the past 12 months;~~

**Comment:** It is not immediately clear why Point a) vi) includes an age class limit of 6-12 months for seropositive wild pigs when surveillance is conducted on other age groups of wild pigs and a seropositive test result on any age group would be a significant finding.

- ~~vii) there has been no vaccination in wild pigs for the past 12 months;~~

viii) imported wild pigs comply with the relevant requirements in Article 2.6.7.7.

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Article 2.6.7.2014

*Veterinary Administrations Authorities* of importing countries should require:

for meat products of pigs (either domestic or wild), or for products of animal origin (from fresh meat of pigs) intended for use in animal feeding, for agricultural or industrial use, or for pharmaceutical or surgical use, or for trophies derived from wild pigs

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the products:

1. have been prepared:
  - a) exclusively from *fresh meat* meeting the conditions laid down in Articles 2.6.7.1712, 2.6.7.18. or 2.6.7.1913, as relevant;
  - b) in a processing establishment:
    - i) approved by the *Veterinary Administration Authority* for export purposes;
    - ii) processing only meat meeting the conditions laid down in Articles 2.6.7.1712, 2.6.7.18. or 2.6.7.1913, as relevant;

OR

2. have been processed in an establishment approved by the *Veterinary Administration Authority* for export purposes so as to ensure the destruction of the CSF virus in conformity with one of the procedures referred to in Article 3.6.4.2. and that the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid ensure there is no contact of the product with any source of CSF virus.

**Comment:** We are recommending deleting the words “the necessary” and replacing the word “avoid” with the words “ensure there is no”, to underscore the fact that contact must not occur.

Article 2.6.7.2115.

*Veterinary Administrations Authorities* of importing countries should require:

for products of animal origin (from pigs, but not derived from fresh meat) intended for use in animal feeding and for agricultural or industrial use

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the products:

1. have been prepared:

- a) exclusively from products meeting the conditions laid down for *fresh meat* in Articles 2.6.7.4712, ~~2.6.7.18~~ or 2.6.7.4913, as relevant;
- b) in a processing establishment:
  - i) approved by the *Veterinary Administration Authority* for export purposes;
  - ii) processing only products meeting the conditions laid down in point a) above;

OR

- 2. have been processed in an establishment approved by the *Veterinary Administration Authority* for export purposes so as to ensure the destruction of the CSF virus in conformity with one of the procedures referred to in Article 3.6.4.2. and that the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid ensure there is no contact of the product with any source of CSF virus.

**Comment:** We are recommending deleting the words “the necessary” and replacing the word “avoid” with the words “ensure there is no”, to underscore that contact must not occur.

Article 2.6.7.2216.

*Veterinary Administrations Authorities* of *importing countries* should require:

for bristles (from pigs)

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the products:

- 1. come from a CSF free country, *zone* or *compartment*, or
- 2. have been processed in an establishment approved by the *Veterinary Administration Authority* for export purposes so as to ensure the destruction of the CSF virus and that the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid ensure there is no contact of the product with any source of CSF virus.

**Comment:** We are recommending deleting the words “the necessary” and replacing the word “avoid” with the words “ensure there is no”, to underscore that contact must not occur.

Article 2.6.7.2317.

*Veterinary Administrations Authorities* of *importing countries* should require:

for litter and manure (from pigs)

the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that the products:

1. come from a country, *zone* or *compartment* free of CSF; or
2. have been processed in an establishment approved by the *Veterinary Administration Authority* for export purposes so as to ensure the destruction of the CSF virus and that ~~the necessary precautions were taken after processing to avoid~~ **ensure there is no** contact of the product with ~~any source of CSF virus.~~

**Comment:** We are recommending deleting the words “the necessary” and replacing the word “avoid” with the words “ensure there is no”, to underscore that contact must not occur.