

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

## ⚠️ IMPORTANT ADVICE FOR ALL HUNTERS



### 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.

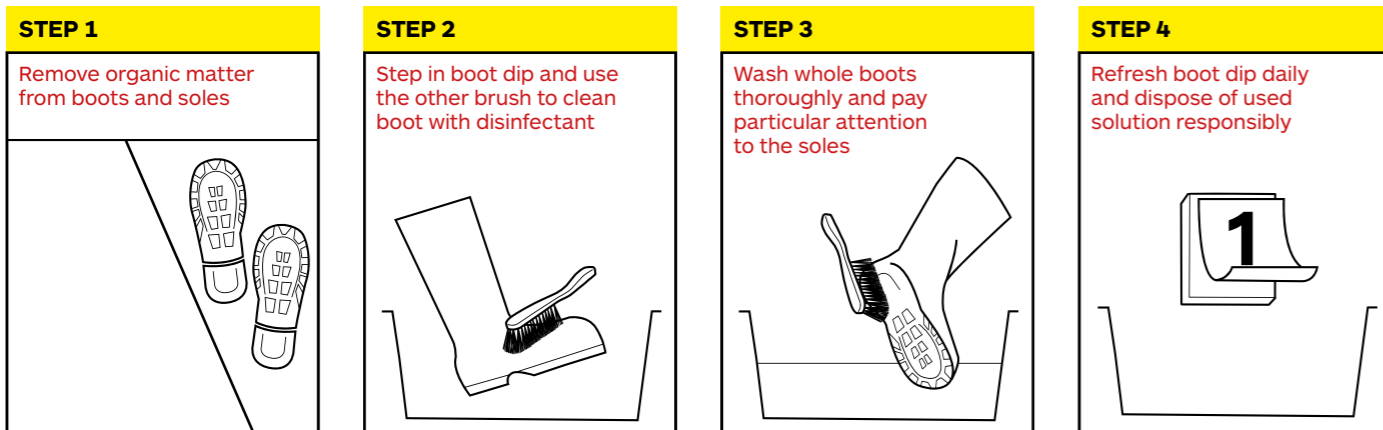
### Vital things hunters, especially wild boar hunters can do to help:

- ⚠️ **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](http://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](http://gov.uk)

### HOW TO USE A DISINFECTANT BOOT DIP



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