

THE SPREAD OF AFRICAN SWINE FEVER VIRUS BY AIR TRAVEL

Think Before You Pack and Don't Bring it Back

1 WHY SHOULDN'T WE BRING PIG PRODUCTS ON A PLANE?

There are outbreaks of ASF in pigs in many countries. **Meats seized in airports globally have been found to contain ASF.**



2 WHEN IS ASF VIRUS INFECTIOUS?

ASF virus can survive and remain infectious for up to 6 months in cured or uncooked meat.



3 HOW CAN ASF VIRUS SPREAD TO PIGS IN GREAT BRITAIN?

Domestic or feral pigs can become infected if they come into contact with contaminated meat products or packaging.

Even if waste is disposed of responsibly, **feral pigs may scavenge from bins and landfill sites.**



4 CONSEQUENCES

- **No safe or effective vaccine.**
- **Pigs with ASF are culled** to prevent further spread.
- Outbreaks **impact livelihoods**, food security, trade and rural economies.



HOW IS EPIC HELPING TO PROTECT SCOTLAND AGAINST ASF?

EPIC works with Scottish Government to reduce the risk of ASF outbreaks and prepare a response if an outbreak occurs. EPIC researchers study the global spread of ASF, feral pig populations, and how the disease could spread in pigs in Scotland.