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Albania		WTO SPS notification- G/SPS/N/ALB/173	28/02/2014	Import ban from the territory of Podlaskie region in PL of live animals, domestic and wild pigs, semen of domestic and wild pigs, fresh meat of pigs, animal feeding products that contain product from animal origin and unsterile pig biological materials not subject to processes which ensure the destruction of ASF virus.	YES		
Australia	04.05.2018	AUS Letter 4 May	10.03.2018	Import ban on	NO	NO (not clear)	



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	14.09.2018	2018 to HU AUS embassy Brussels	13.09.2018	country of HU  Australia is suspending the trade in pig meat and pig meat products from Belgium to Australia.  Belgium is approved to export uncooked pig meat to Australia for further processing and one company is also approved to export a pet food additive product sourced from Belgium-sourced pigs.	NO	NO	



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Belarus	25/01/2014	Lithuania	25/01/2014	Import ban from LT of live pigs and pig commodities, except products treated at 72°C for 30min.	NO	YES	
	08/07/2014	Letter from Belarus to Poland					
				Further to regulations nos.02/152 of 25.01.2014, 02/316 of 19.02.2014 and 02/1551 of 27.06.2014 Department of Veterinary Supervision and Food Safety of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of BY			



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				<p>informs that as of 2 July 2014 provisions restricting imports to BY from the administrative regions of LV, LT and PL due to the favourable ASF epizootic situation (including regionalisation rules) feed, feed additives and feed material of plant origin are obsoleted.</p> <p>According to the OIE data of 2 July 2014, ASF was recorded in 2 districts in LT, in</p>			

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				a commune in LV and in podlaskie region in PL			
<b>Belarus</b>	20/02/2014	Poland	20/02/2014	Restrictions on PL export and transit of live pigs, semen of boars, pork, including wild boar meat and products of its processing, hides, hooves, horns, intestines, bristles, trophies obtained from susceptible species of animals, feed and feed additives of plant and animal origin, including fish and birds, feed additives for	NO	<b>YES</b> theoretically as PL has never received any official information on such ban even after our official request from PL side but practically NO (several consignments were sent back by BY and RU also officially claims that their ban on final processed products has been based on	



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				cats and dogs, as well as ready-made petfood that have not been heat treated (at min: +70°C, processing time: min. 20 minutes) produced from raw material, equipment used for handling, slaughtering and cutting of pigs.		the ban imposed in this respect by BY)	
<b>Canada</b>	12/08/2014	Poland	15/08/2014	Pork meat and uncooked pork meat	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	
<b>China</b>	20/02/2014	EU DEL	13/02/2014	All pork and pig meat products from PL	NO, regionalisation is only possible based on assessment of information	YES (tbc)	2015-07-15: bilateral meeting in Geneva (WTO SPS Committee). 2015-07-15: Specific trade concern in WTO SPS Committee. 2015-10-01: raised by Trade Commsr Malmstrom with her Chinese counterpart.



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	31.08.2017	Industry		Pig meat products from CZ and RO	received. Process to be followed – Application to AQSIQ and MOA - questionnaire to be completed – risk assessment – protocol – questionnaire – likely LONG PROCESS		2015-10-15: bilateral meeting in Geneva (WTO SPS Committee. 2015-10-15: Specific trade concern in WTO SPS Committee. 2015-10-28: concerns raised with AQSIQ (Beijing). 2015-11-02: concerns raised with MOA (Beijing) 2015-11: concerns raised by Sante Commsr Andriukaitis with his CN counterpart. 2015-11: Concerns raised with AQSIQ and MOA in Beijing by DG Agri. 2016.03: STC WTO SPS Committee + bilateral meeting. 2016.04: Cmmsr Hogan urged lifting 2016.04: EU-CN ETWG meeting 2016.07: WTO SPS Committee Geneva: bilateral meeting and Specific Trade Concern 2016.10: WTO SPS Committee Geneva: bilateral meeting and Specific Trade Concern 2016.10.17: EU-China SPS WG 2017.03.20: WTO SPS Committee: STC + bilateral 2017.05.23: 2017.07: WTO SPS Committee: STC + bilateral 2017.11: WTO SPS Committee: STC + bilateral 2018.03: WTO SPS Committee: STC + bilateral
	15.05.2018	Industry		Pork from	NO		

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		(CLITRAVI)		Hungary			
<b>Ecuador</b>	04/03/2015	SPS NOTIFICATION	12 August 2014, indefinite duration (Note, the measure was notified on 4 March 2015)	Pigs, products and sub products from the whole Italy and Poland	No, country wide ban	Unclear at this stage	
<b>Ivory Coast</b>	30/05/2014	Poland	4 March	Pigs and pig meat and products thereof from PL	NO	NO	
<b>Japan</b>	19/02/2014	EU DEL	19/02/2014  The Japanese have defined 29 January as the earliest	Pork and pig meat products from PL	NO - in principle JP can accept regionalisation after evaluation	<b>YES in principle</b> , if agreed in the bilateral protocol	July 2015: Japan requested further information on surveillance data from Poland 2015- 07 Commission: Discussions during 11th FTA round negotiation in the context of non-tariff barrier discussions 2015- July/August; further information provided by Poland to Japan 2015-2016 Discussions on regionalisation and ASF during the several FTA rounds in the NTM (non- tariff measure)





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			<p>exposure date (based on 15 days incubation period specified by the OIE: dead wild boar found on 13 February); therefore products derived from pigs slaughtered by 28 January, processed products, packed and shipped by 28 January and products being</p>				<p>discussions. 2016-03-17 Expert sub-committee on Animal Health (Japan) had evaluated and agreed that Polish pork import from ASF free area could be resumed with additional conditions to the EU's condition against Poland. 2016.03: Japan FTA negotiations: EU urged Japan to lift the ban 2016.04.15: Meeting in Tokyo (MAFF/EU Commission) to discuss the progress (Commissioner Hogan) 2016.04.25: Japan submitted draft import conditions to PL. 2016. 05: CVO meeting in Paris 2016.06: SPS Committee Geneva: bilateral meeting 2016.09: Raised by Cmsr Andriukaitis Japan had requested Poland to give information on about the outbreaks in summer 2016. By letter of 2 Dec. 2016, Poland provided with detailed information on the results of epizootic investigation related to 20 ASF outbreaks in domestic pigs in 2016. On 22 December 2016, the Japanese requested further information. 2017.03: Poland has provided further information to JP 2017.03.20: WTO SPS Committee: bilateral meeting with JP. 2017.05.22: OIE meeting bilateral; Japan informed that they would contact Poland in the beginning of June to propose disease- free areas.</p>

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	11/07/2017	CZ Authorities	transported or already in Japan are accepted. 28/06/2017	Pork and pork products from CZ	NO		2017.11.03: WTO SPS Committee: bilateral meeting with JP.
	24.04.2018	HU Authorities	24/04/ 2018	Pork and pork products from HU	NO		
	14.09.2018	MAFF issued press release	14.09.2018	Pork and pork products from BE	NO	NO	
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	23/05/2014	Poland - information received from PL Embassy in Astana – based on the internet publication on the KZ veterinary services website	21/02/2014	Restrictions on PL export of live pigs, wild boars, and meat and meat products thereof, skins, hides, hooves, horns, hunting trophies, intestines, semen of boars, pork,	NO	NO	



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				including wild boar meat and products of its processing, hides, hooves, horns , intestines, bristles, trophies obtained from susceptible species of animals, feed and feed additives of plant and animal origin, including fish and birds, feed additives for cats and dogs, equipment used for handling, slaughtering and cutting of pigs.			
<b>Kirgizstan</b>	21/05/2014	Poland - information received by PL on	02/04/2014	Ban on imports from particular area as per the Annex to CD	<b>YES</b>	YES	

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		13/05/2014		2014/134/EU of live animals and products of animal origin			
<b>Korea</b>	18/02/2014	EU DEL  Poland	18/02/2014	All pork and pork products from PL to Korea.  Pork products (pork and pork products) - Refers to animals slaughtered after 30/01/2014 - Accepting consignments shipped till 24/2/14	NO - Condition is foreseen in the FTA SPS Chapter Art. 5.8 restrictions on pork products	<b>YES (tbc)</b>	2015-07-15: bilateral meeting in Geneva (WTO SPS Committee). 2015-07-15: Specific trade concern in WTO SPS Committee. 2015-09-15 Trade Committee: COM foresees to raise the regionalisation issue with Korea in Seoul. 2015-10-15: bilateral meeting in Geneva (WTO SPS Committee). 2015-10-15: Specific trade concern in WTO SPS Committee. 2016.03: STC WTO SPS Committee. 2016.03 bilateral meeting.in Seoul (Korea-EU Commission) 2016.06: SPS Committee in Geneva: Specific Trade Concern and bilateral meeting 2016.10.21: AU-KOR FTA SPS Committee 2016.10: SPS Committee in Geneva: Specific Trade Concern and bilateral meeting 2016.12: EU-KOR FTA Trade committee (Trade Cmsr – Trade Minister KOR) 2017.03.20, 2017.07.27, 2017.11.01:



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	24.04.2018	EU Del	24.04.2018	Pork and Pork products from Hungary	NO		WTO SPS Committee in Geneva: Specific Trade Concern and bilateral meeting.
<b>Macedonia</b>	14.09.2018	Official website Macedonia	3.09.2018	Ban for importation and transit from the Municipality of Varna, Bulgaria for live pigs, their products and by-products.	<b>YES</b>	Not clear	
<b>Mexico</b>		industry		Country wide ban			EU harmonised certificate in place. Renegotiated and accepted in July 2017 including regionalisation conditions. Countries affected are Poland and Romania who are still in the process to have market access.
<b>Moldova</b>	14/04/2014	Information from Romania via EU	14/04/2014	Ban on EU pork. Triggered by Russian ban on	NO	NO	



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	08/09/2014	industry Information from Polish authorities		Moldova for exports of pork.  This ban is not applicable to Poland	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	
<b>Montenegro</b>		Official website Montenegro		Ban to all countries where, there are confirmed cases of ASF, according to OIE. 2. The prohibition referred to live pigs, their products, embryos and semen. An exception is made for products that have undergone a heat treatment of at least 80° C	NO	<b>YES</b>	



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				through whole product or are in a hermetically sealed container (cans), with a Fo value of three or more.			
<b>Russia</b>	10/02/2014	WTO SPS notification - G/SPS/N/RUS/48 G/SPS/N/RUS/49 G/SPS/N/RUS/64 G/SPS/N/RUS/142 G/SPS/N/RUS/143	25/01/2014	<b>In practice, ban all pigs and pig products – EU wide.</b>	NO	NO	COM numerous letters sent and meetings taken place as well as comments sent to the SPS notifications.  EU launched of WTO Panel on ASF against RUS. At the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) the European Union requested the establishment of a panel on what it said were restrictions by the Russian Federation on imports of live pigs, pork and other pig products from the EU.  On 19 August 2016, the WTO issued the panel report in the case brought by the European Union regarding Russian Federation Measures on the Importation of Live Pigs, Pork and Other Pig Products from the European Union (WT/DS/475). > Panel report: <a href="https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news16_e/news16_e/475r_e.htm">https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news16_e/news16_e/475r_e.htm</a> 2017-02 Panel report confirmed after the appeal of RUS.
		G/SPS/N/RUS/146	5/12/2017	Bans are lifted and regionalisation is recognised but as Russia had extended the scope of the political embargo	<b>YES</b> (except for the entire area of HU and RO where regionalisation is not recognised).	<b>YES</b>	



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	14.09.2018	Bulgaria	5.09.2018	<p>on 25 October 2017, only exports of live pigs for breeding could resume from ASF-free areas in the EU.</p> <p>Ban on the whole territory of Bulgaria for live pigs, their products, embryos and semen. An exception is made for products that have undergone a heat treatment in a way that guarantees the destruction of the ASF virus according to Chapter 15.1 of</p>	NO	YES	<p>The EU is following-up Russia's actions preventing the resumption of EU exports in relation to its compliance with the WTO ruling.</p> <p>COM has sent letter asking RU also to regionalise HU and RO, (RO is however also banned for the entire territory due to classical swine fever).</p>





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				the OIE Terrestrial Code.			
Serbia	31.08.2017	Industry		Ban on import of pigmeat products from RO			
	14.09.2018	Bulgaria	3.09.2018	Ban for importation and transit from Bulgaria for live pigs, their products, embryos and semen. An exception is made for products that have undergone a heat treatment of at least 80° C through whole product.	NO	YES	
Singapore	25/02/2014	Poland	22/02/2014	Ban on imports of frozen pork from	NO: however, is possible based on	NO (due to the limiting	2015-05-24 SGP allows resumption of trade from POLAND. 2015-10-15: concern raised in bilateral meeting in Geneva

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				PL	assessment of information received.  Process can be long – indication of possible acceptance after the OIE General Session 2014 in Paris – thus June 2014.  <b>YES</b> , however, conditions are more strict than regionalisation measures applied in PL.	clause in the certificate)	– request review current certification requirements. 2015-11: COM requested review of current certification requirements. <u>Current certification requirements include: "The batch of pigs was sampled and tested negative for ASF virus and antibodies using PCR and ELISA, 72 hours before dispatch to the slaughterhouse".</u> SGP responded that no trade took place so far and therefore does not want to review conditions yet. 04/02/2016: COM informed SGP that trade took place and requested meeting to review the import conditions. 2016.04: on insistence of COM, SGP committed to send revised import conditions proposal to PL. 2016.06: study visit to EU – focus AH regionalisation
Switzerland	23/07/2014	EU industry	See link in footnote <sup>1</sup> To note also	Switzerland puts trade restrictive measures in place	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.blv.admin.ch/ein\\_ausfuhr/01183/01184/index.html?lang=fr](http://www.blv.admin.ch/ein_ausfuhr/01183/01184/index.html?lang=fr)



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			trade restrictive measures in forces due to CSF, in line with EU legislation.	recognising the zoning measures as established under EU legislation			
<b>Taiwan</b>	19/02/2014	EU DEL, Taiwanese authorities and Poland	19/02/2014	Fresh, chilled and frozen pork and its products (except canned products subjected to high-temperature sterilization) from PL	NO, however, it is possible based on assessment of information received.  Timeline for the procedure of ban lifting not provided.	<b>YES</b> (canned products sterilised at high temperature can be exported)	2015-09: letter submitted to Taiwan, SPS concerns incl. ASF. 2015-10-15: Concerns in bilateral meeting in Geneva 2015-11-19: concerns raised during bilateral videoconference. 2015-12-08: concerns raised in Taipei – annual consultations. 2016-03-7: meetings in Taipei. 2016.05.18: bilateral meeting (biannual Trade dialogue SPS). 2016.06: mid-term review economical meeting 2016.11: study visit to EU –focus regionalisation 2017.03 TW recognised IT free of ASF with the exception of Sardinia – positive development. 2017.06.20: meeting and seminar in Taiwan to discuss SPS issues. No progress on ASF.



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	28.06.2018	BAPHIQ	28.06.2018	Pork and pork products from CZ	NO	NO	
	24.04.2018	BAPHIQ website	24.04.2018	Pork and pork products from HU	NO	NO	
	14.09.2018	BAPHIQ website	14.09.2018	Pork and pork products from BE	NO	NO	
<b>The Philippines</b>	04.06.2018	Letter from PHIL authorities (BAI) to HU	4.06.2018	Temporary ban on the import of Domestic and Wild Pigs and their Products Including Pork Meat and Semen from <b>Hungary</b>	NO	NO	
	11.09.2018	WTO SPS notification G/SPS/N/PHL/422	30.08.20018	Temporary Ban on the Import of Domestic and Wild Pigs and their Products Including Pork	NO	NO	EU comments to WTO SPS notification



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				Meat and Semen from <b>Latvia, Poland and Romania</b>			
<b>Ukraine</b>	11/02/2014	WTO SPS notification - G/SPS/N/UKR/93 and Poland	17/02/2014 on PL 25/02/2014 on LT <b>19/06/2014 country-wide - BAN LIFTED</b> August 2014: Ukraine corrigendum to initial WTO SPS notification: keeping measures in	Prohibition of import of pigs, pork products and raw materials into the territory of Ukraine from the territory of LT.  Prohibition of imports as of 17/2/14 of susceptible to ASF animals, products, raw materials and their reproductive material into the territory of Ukraine from the territory of PL	NO	NO	<b>POLAND</b> Progress in terms of relaxing the scope of the ban. Specifically, the Ukrainian side dropped the requirements of laboratory testing (PCR method) to accompany the vet certificates for each consignment of animals and products. However, the wide-ranging regionalization approach (coverage of the entire Podlaskie wojewodztwo) remains. Explanations received from UA on <b>13 March 2015</b> : The Annex to the health certificate for exports from Poland to Ukraine of pigs for breeding and production, as well as an Annex to the health certificate for exports from Poland to Ukraine of cans, sausages and other types of finished products should be considered obsolete.  <b>LITHUANIA</b>  Letter sent by Ukraine on <b>16/06/2015</b> informing about the abolition of the remaining control measures for imports from Lithuania in March 2015.



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			place on one Polish region (podlaskie region) and requesting PCR testing on all pork commodities exported from Poland.  <b>25/02/2015 Relaxation of the scope of the measures on PL.</b>  <b>13/03/2015 Lifting of the ban in LT.</b>				

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Uzbekistan	29.01.2015	Poland	01 January 2015	Order no. 1 of the CVO of Uzbekistan dated 26 January 2015 which temporarily prohibits entry (with the exception of international transit) from Latvia, Ukraine and Poland of live pigs, pork, raw pork meat products, finished products containing pork in their composition, with the exception of heat-treated (temperature not lower than 70°C,	NO	YES	12 June 2015: Info received from Poland that ban has been lifted by UZ for PL (apart for Podlaskie region).  No market interest from Latvia.



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				<p>processed for min. 20 min) finished feed for cats and dogs.</p> <p>[In the case of importation of live pigs, pork and pig meat products from <b>Latvia, Ukraine and Poland</b> (in accordance with the previously issued licenses) produced by 01.01.2015 decision about their entry into the Republic of Uzbekistan shall be taken in regular mode.] –</p>			





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