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The First African Swine Fever Case in Slovakia

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Report Highlights:

Slovak officials confirmed the country's first outbreak of African Swine Fever. The disease was detected in a domestic pig on a small backyard farm. As of July 29, only four pigs had been culled. There is no major commercial holding located near the outbreak.

General Information:

On July 25, 2019, the Slovak State Veterinary Administration announced on its website the first outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Slovakia.

The District Veterinary and Food Administration in Trebisov was informed on July 23 about a suspicious domestic pig from a small backyard farm. The animal stopped feeding and showed other signs of being diseased. That farm, which had four pigs, is located in Strazne, less than 500 meters or 1,600 feet from the Hungarian border. For maps, please see:

https://www.svps.sk/zvierata/choroby_AMO_01_2019.asp.

Samples were taken, and the next day, on July 24, the National Reference Laboratory for ASF in the State Veterinary Institute in Zvolen confirmed a positive result for ASF. All pigs from the affected farm were destroyed. A defined protection zone within a 3 km radius and a surveillance zone within a 10 km radius of the infected area were established, and an expert group for ASF was organized. The Veterinary Administration will introduce further precautionary measures in the protection and surveillance zones and will take samples from additional pigs. There are mainly small farms located in the surveillance zone; only a few of them can be considered commercial.

So far, no ban on trade has been established. The main Slovak export markets are Hungary, Poland, and Romania. Slovakia does not export swine and pork products to the United States.