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Joint FAO/OIE/WHO Statement on influenza A/H1N1 and the safety of pork

In the on-going spread of influenza A/H1N1, concerns about the possibility of this virus being found in pigs and the safety of pork and pork products has been raised.

Influenza viruses are not known to be transmissible to people through eating processed pork or other food products derived from pigs.

Heat treatments commonly used in cooking meat (e.g. 70 °C/160 °F core temperature) will readily inactivate any viruses potentially present in raw meat products.

Pork and pork products, handled in accordance with good hygienic practices recommended by the WHO¹, Codex Alimentarius Commission and the OIE, will not be a source of infection

Authorities and consumers should ensure that meat from sick pigs or pigs found dead are not processed or used for human consumption under any circumstances.

For further information, please refer to the INFOSAN information note on this issue (http://www.who.int/foodsafety/fs_management/infosan_archives/en).

¹ <http://www.who.int/foodsafety/consumer/en/>