

QUESTION: Are **free-ranging pigs** dangerous in the transmission of African swine fever?

ANSWER: Yes, because the pigs may be infected, even if sometimes they do not look ill. They may **transmit** the disease to healthy pigs by **direct contact** or **indirectly** by contamination of the environment, people's shoes or their equipment.

To avoid infection caused by contact with free-ranging pigs, other pigs must be kept **enclosed in pigsties**.

People other than the producer and his workers **should not be allowed in the pigsties**. Disinfectant solutions should be used to clean all equipment and for the **footbaths** at the entrance to the pigsties to disinfect the footwear of every person who enters or leaves.

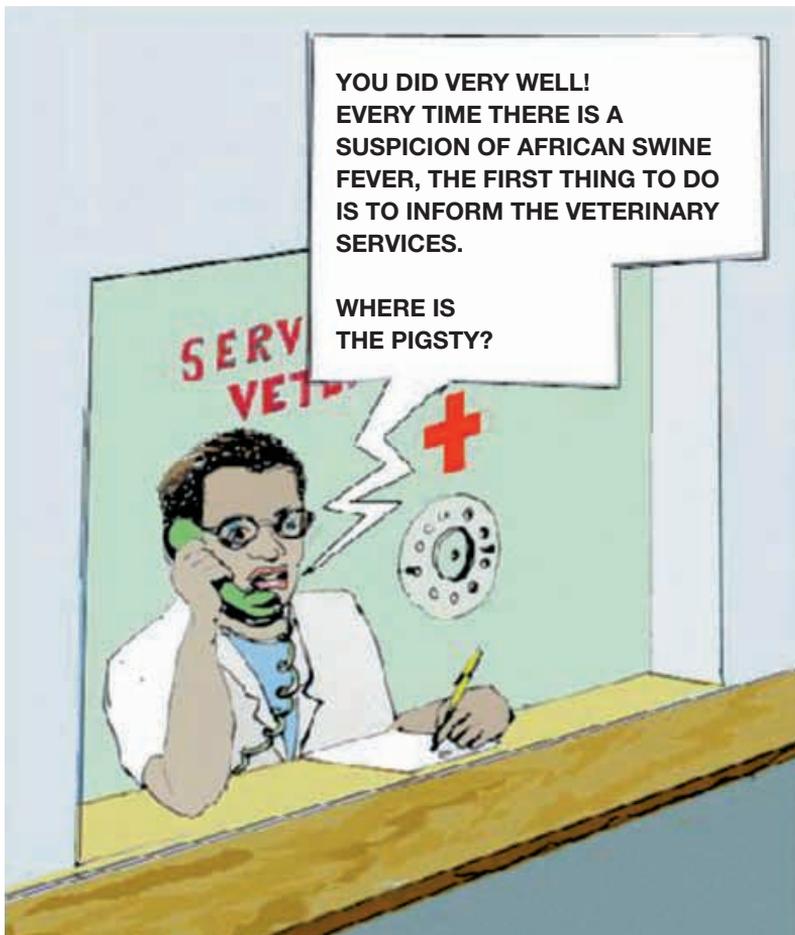
QUESTION: Can **remains of human food** containing pork products be used to feed pigs?

ANSWER: It is safer to **avoid using** these products for feeding pigs, because they may be infected with African swine fever virus. However, if this cannot be avoided, the products must be cut into **thin slices**, **boiled** and cooked for at least **one hour**.



QUESTION: The pigs appear to be **infected** with African swine fever or **dying** from it. What should be done?

ANSWER: The **veterinary services should be informed URGENTLY**, so that technicians can go to the pigsty and collect samples for analysis at the laboratory.

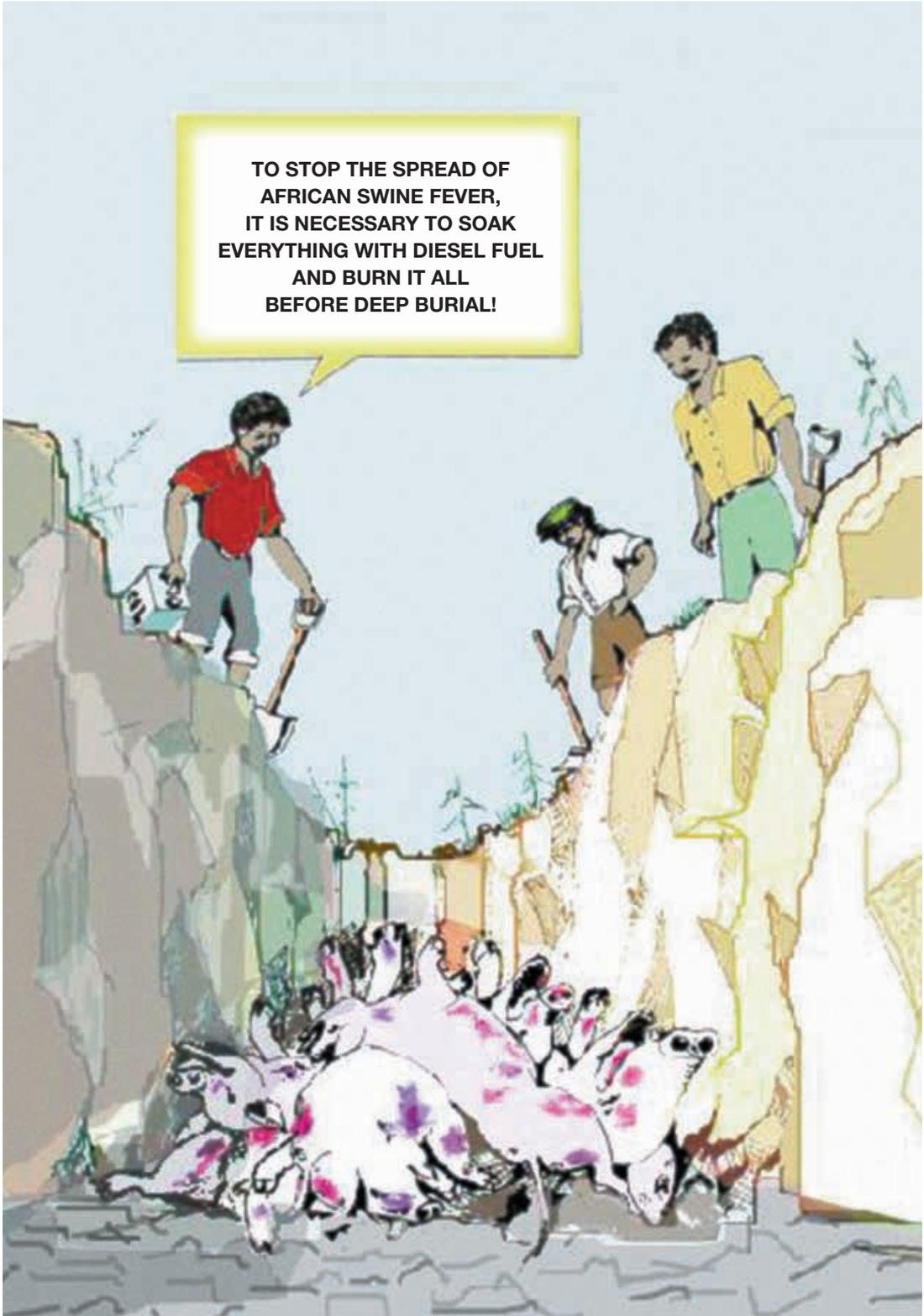


QUESTION: If the veterinary services say that they cannot come to the pigsty immediately, what should be done with the **animals suspected** of having African swine fever?

ANSWER: Healthy pigs **must not have any contact** with sick or dead pigs. **Dead** animals should be **destroyed** – burnt whenever possible – and then **buried** in a hole two metres deep.

After investigation, the veterinary services may decide to **slaughter any animals that were in contact** with pigs that were sick or may have been infected.

**TO STOP THE SPREAD OF
AFRICAN SWINE FEVER,
IT IS NECESSARY TO SOAK
EVERYTHING WITH DIESEL FUEL
AND BURN IT ALL
BEFORE DEEP BURIAL!**



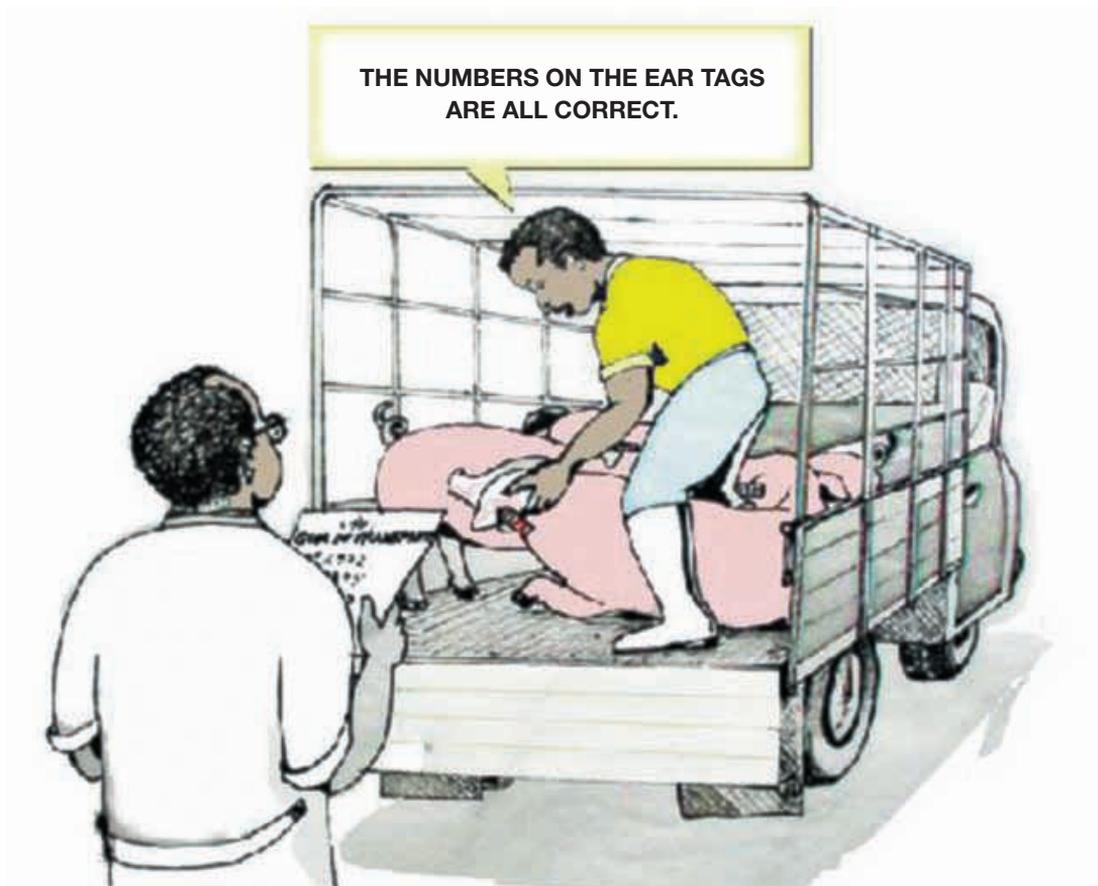
QUESTION: What must be done in the **pigsties** where the infected animals were kept?

ANSWER: The pigsties should be thoroughly **washed and then disinfected** with 2% caustic soda. The producer must **not repopulate** the premises with pigs for the period of time indicated by the veterinary services. This guarantees that any remaining infected material has been destroyed and that the premises will not be infectious to other pigs brought in for production.



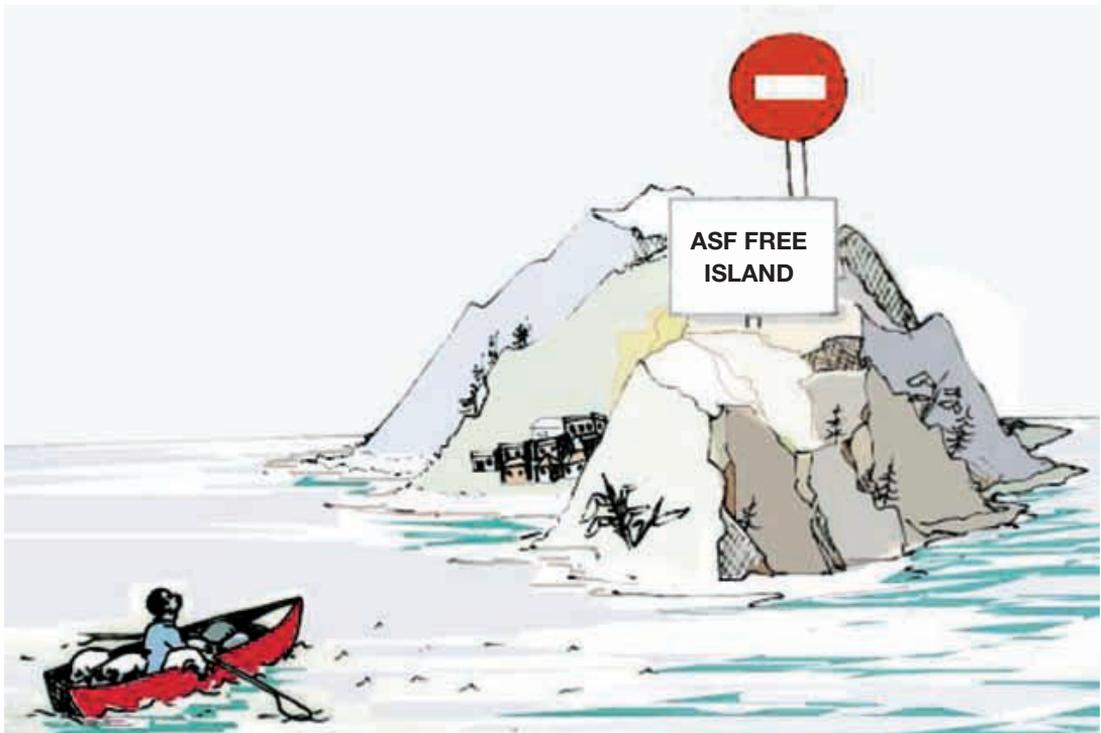
QUESTION: How can I know whether **pigs in transit** are healthy and that they do not come from areas already infected with African swine fever?

ANSWER: The **identification tags** on the animals in transit and the documents accompanying the shipment make it possible to determine where the animals come from and to know if those areas are free of African swine fever or not.



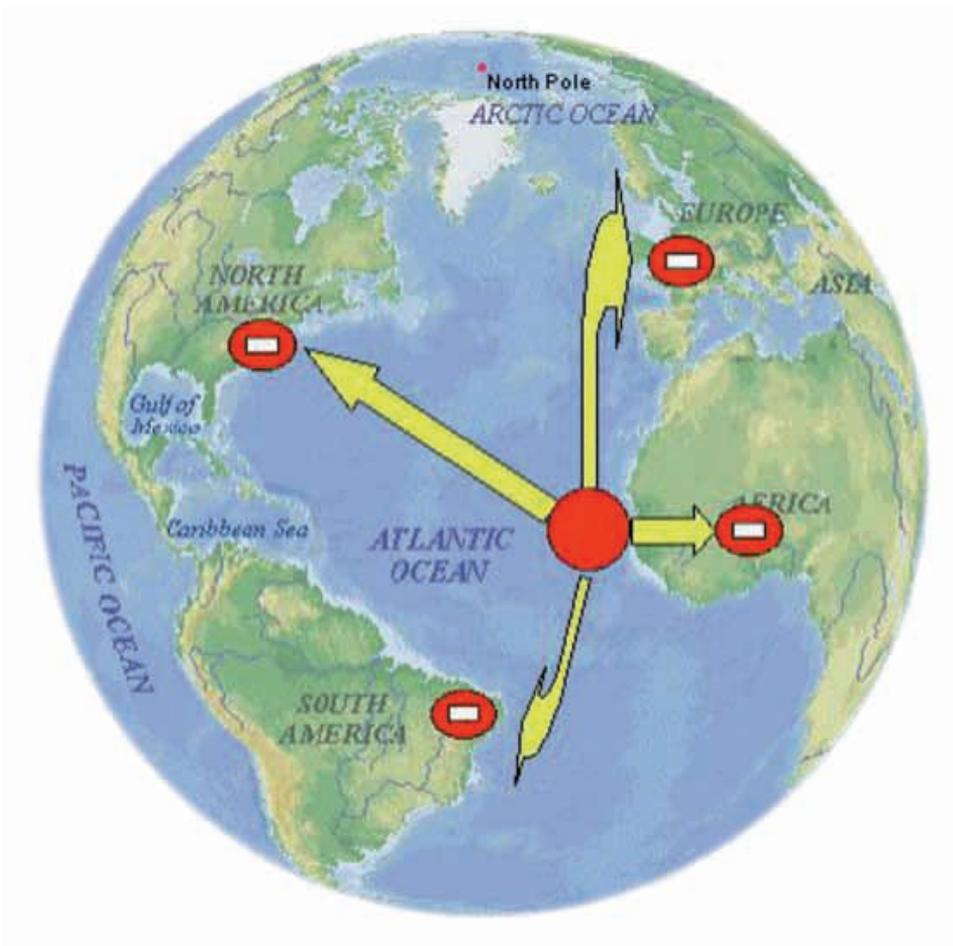
QUESTION: Why do the veterinary services and the police and military authorities work together to control so strictly the **illegal movement of pigs, pig meat and pig products** inside countries and across borders?

ANSWER: Because they want to **guarantee** that the **areas and countries free of African swine fever** remain free. They want to protect their people from the losses caused by the huge mortality among pigs infected with this disease.

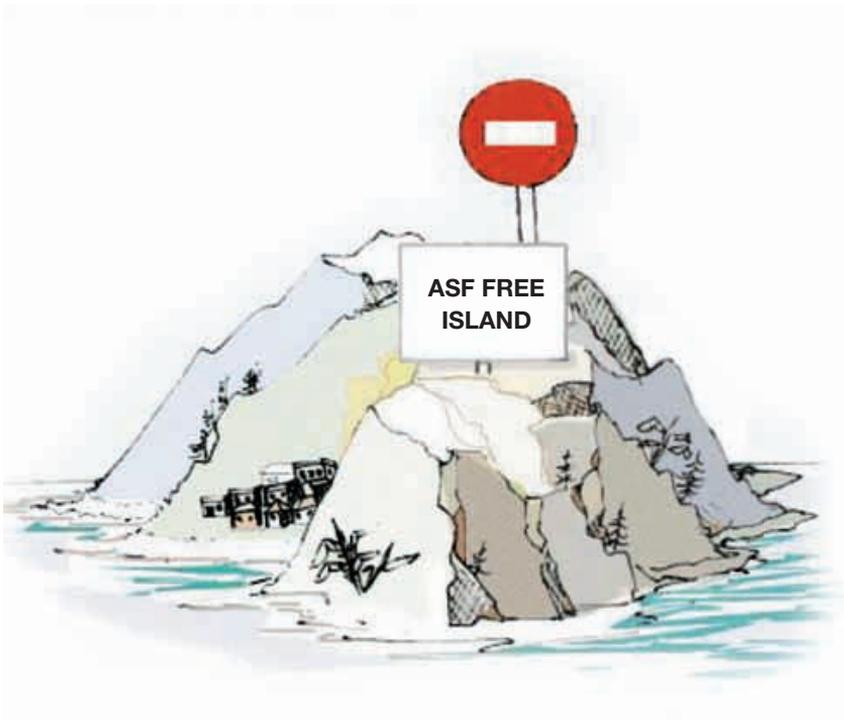


QUESTION: Can **tourists and emigrants** take sausages and pork products with them when they travel abroad?

ANSWER: No. It is **ILLEGAL** to carry these products from ASF-infected countries, since it represents a major risk to pig production in countries that are free from the disease. If travellers do carry these products, they will have problems at customs.



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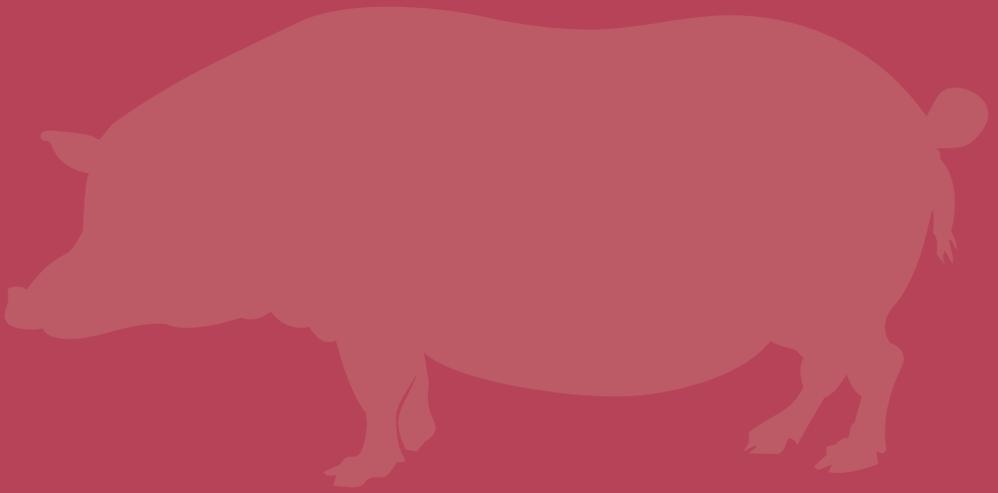
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