

African swine fever stakeholder update

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Item #	Item Name	ASF preparedness update	Major outcomes, recommendations, actions
1	Australian Pork Limited Ms Margo Andrae	<p>Australia remains ASF free.</p> <p>Philippines has confirmed that it has detected ASF in Davao Occidental province and various locations in Mindanao, the southern island. The first ASF outbreak in the Philippines was announced in September 2019 in backyard farms near the country's capital, Manila and continues to spread.</p> <p>Balinese authorities have confirmed that around 1,000 pigs have died from ASF on the island of Bali, with the outbreak thought to be a consequence of swill feeding.</p> <p>In Europe ASF continues to spread with the Greek Ministry of Agriculture confirming their first ASF detection in a small piggery in the northeast region of Serres, Greece.</p> <p>ASF Industry Technical Committee continues to provide input to the Animal Health Committee (AHC) ASF taskforce working groups and will meet on 12th February to discuss progress.</p> <p>Several ASF focused producer meetings were held in collaboration with state government departments in late January in Kingaroy Qld, as well as in Casino and Kempsey, NSW. New South Wales meetings focused on ASF preparedness activities, strengthening on-farm biosecurity and feedback for the APIQ major review. Upcoming ASF meetings include 13th February Launceston, Tas and 28th February Tanunda, SA.</p>	
2	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment update	<p>The Department of Agriculture (note our name changed to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment on 1 February).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for new detector dog handlers funded by the ASF Response Package commenced on 20 January 2020 and are scheduled to graduate on 21 February 2020. • A new on-board information card with key ASF declaration messaging in multiple languages has been finalised. To date, approximately 193,000 	

		<p>cards have been provided to 15 airlines and 10 cruise lines. Cards will continue to be distributed when air and cruise lines' requirements are made known to the department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As at 20 January 2020, there have been 9 visa cancellations, 7 of which related to a failure to declare pork and pork products. 	
3	Animal Health Committee update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHC is on track to finalise all policy and procedure developments as far as possible at the AHC37 face-to-face meeting (3-5 March 2020) including the release of a revised AUSVETPLAN ASF manual. The ASF taskforce approach will then be terminated. • Members in some jurisdictions have been diverted to various extents (in some cases totally) by the bushfire crisis and now by the new coronavirus global human health incident. • Not all ASF-related issues have been totally resolved and there will be a reduced but ongoing effort to progress these issues including training and R&D in certain areas. • In Queensland, 20 government staff visited a large piggery on 29 January, focusing on bleeding and post mortem technique, 3D plans for a large piggery were also evaluated. A small landholder day is being held in Kingaroy on 31 January, with at least 60 people expected to attend. • In NSW, workshops were run for small pig producers and landholders at Casino and Kempsey (30 and 31 January) – biosecurity planning messages and NSW DPI preparedness activities were the focus of discussion and review. • AAHL provided input into a video developed by the OIE that targets travellers. AAHL also took part in an OIE mission in eastern Europe that visited backyard farms, slaughter houses and wild boar hunting grounds. Europe has significant challenges in relation to the spread of wild boar, their depopulation and role in disease spill over. There were useful lessons relevant to Australia's feral pig population. 	
3	Next report	The next report will be distributed on Friday 21 st February 2020.	All stakeholders are welcome to continue sending through or asking questions, or raising their concerns with both Ms Margo Andrae or Dr Lechelle van Breda.