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Annex I.c: Programme for the control and eradication of classical swine fever or African swine fever

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Disease	African Swine Fever	
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2. Historical data on the epidemiological evolution of the disease

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- Number of serologically positive domestic pigs compared to previous year
- Number of virologically positive domectic pigs compared to previous year
- Number of serologically positive wild boar/feral pigs compared to previous year
- Number of virologically positive wild boar/feral pigs compard to previous year
- An assessment of the evolution of the indicators along the years is requested as well as obstacles and contrains indentified that hamper the progress of eradication.

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Surveillance on African swine fever (hereafter – ASF) in Lithuania was carried out since 2003 but actively started in 2013. ASF for the first time in Lithuanian history has been registered on 24 January 2014 for the wild boar. The first outbreak of ASF in domestic pigs occur on 24 July 2014 in the North-Eastern part, in Utena county, Ignalina district municipality, in a large commercial pig holding with the appropriate biosecurity level.

During the year 2018, 1446 places with 3098 (2654 dead and 444 hunted) of ASF in wild boars have been detected and 51 outbreaks (42 in non-commercial farms and 9 in commercial farms) in domestic pigs have been confirmed.

During the year 2019, 464 places with 681(397 dead and 284 hunted) of ASF in wild boars have been detected and 51 outbreaks (16 in non-commercial farms and 3 in commercial farms) in domestic pigs have been confirmed.

During the year 2020, 230 places with 256 (82 dead and 174 hunted) of ASF in wild boars have been detected and 3 outbreaks (2 in non-commercial farms and 1 in commercial farms) in domestic pigs have been confirmed. In 2020, 11131 wild boar were hunted. The density of WB is decreased drastically. During the year 2021, 244 places with 384 (220 dead and 164 hunted) of ASF in wild boars have been detected. No outbreaks in domestic pigs were confirmed (24 suspicions were received).

The density of wild boars is increasing in the entire country, with the exception of a few regions, where active ASF virus circulation is still observed and numerous dead wild boars are collected and disposed of. In 2020 and 2021 there were no serologically positive results in domestic pigs. Number of serologically positive result in WB 2020 (156 out of 10823) and in WB 2021 (131 out of 16046)

The situation in domestic pigs is getting better.

No outbreaks were identified in 2021. The active information campaign through different sources (local media, TV) gave a great results. During the official inspections performed we can determine that implementation of biosecurity requirements in non-commercial farms are improved.

There were no obstacles and contrains indentified.

3. Description of the submitted programme

Provide a concise description of

- The programme with its main objective(s). In case of a long time strategy, interim objectives for each year should be specified.
- Target population
- Main measures: active/passive surveillance in holdings, active/passive surveillance in wild boar-feral pigs, vaccination in holdings,
 vaccination of wild boars-feral pigs, monitoring efficacy of vaccination, eradication measures
- Areas of implementation of the programme

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The programme will be implemented in the entire territory of Lithuania.

The objectives of the programme are:

- to control, monitor and early detect ASF virus entrance in to the pig holdings and to timely eradicate the outbreaks;
- to early detect the ASF presence in the wild life in the newly infected areas and to control the ASF in the affected areas by now;
- to analyze epidemiological evaluation of the disease providing surveillance (active and passive);
- to prevent the further spread of ASF within and outside the country.

The African swine fever (ASF) control program will be implemented in whole territory of Lithuania.

A) Measures applied on the domestic pig holdings:

i) in the entire country of Lithuania:

The number of pigs and number of holdings are fluctuating during the year. The majority of the pigs are kept in back yard holdings for own consumption and for the local market and are slaughtered during Christmas time. The biosecurity has been strengthen in the backyard holdings and regularly checked for the implementation of the Requirements regarding biosecurity measures applicable in the pig holdings approved by the State Food and Veterinary Service Director's Order No. B1-384 dated on the 11th of July 2011 (the revision of the State Food and Veterinary Service Director's Order No. B1-372 dated on the 27 th of April 2015), which are applicable to all pig keepers independently from the number of pigs kept with some of the exemption of pig keepers with not more than 10 pigs for fattening and used for own consumption.

The official supervision of the pig keeping places are provided by state veterinary inspector or contacted veterinarian (authorized, official veterinarian).

Pig keeping places investigation in the entire country will be based on the passive surveillance (each week on at least the first two dead kept porcine animals over the age of 60 days or, in the absence of such dead animals over the age of 60 days, on any dead kept porcine animals after weaning, in each epidemiological uni every dead/sick pig in the non-commercial farm).

Enhanced passive surveillance of ASF will be based on epidemiological investigations and tracing, based on the information received from pig owner or during the inspection / control in case of suspicion of ASF or in case of lesions similar to ASF, by increased mortality or morbidity of pigs kept and from the pigs with increased fever.

In a systematic approach SFVS has performed categorization of all pig holdings located in the entire country according to their biosecurity level, the number of pigs kept and the risk of spreading the disease. Basically the following categories will be defined:

Category I - Commercial pig farms:

The owner are obliged fully implement Requirements regarding biosecurity measures applicable in the pig holdings approved by the State Food and Veterinary Service Director's Order No. B1-384 dated on the 11th of July 2011. The Requirements list the main risk factors such a

- 1. the workers, visitors and other persons who can access the keeping location or room for pigs;
- 2. the vehicles that can access the pig holding;

- 3. the feed and water used for pigs feeding and watering;
- 4. tools, equipment and other things potentially infected with the pathogens of contagious diseases which can access the keeping room for pigs;
- 5. wild, derelict and abandoned animals;
- 6. dead pigs, the containers intended for the storage of pigs carcasses, the vehicles of the company that is engaged in the activity of animal by-products processing;
- 7. rodents and other pests;
- 8. ventilation systems;
- 9. the manure removal systems and manure.

The Requirements describes the responsibilities of animal owner and keeper, requirements applicable in regard of pig holdings, pig transportation to and from the pig holding, the requirements applicable for the workers who work in the keeping room for pigs and the visitors and animal by-products processing. From 1 of January 2015 additional requirement in relation to approval of commercial pig farms biosecurity plan will be implemented with the amendment of Requirements regarding biosecurity measures applicable in the pig holdings.

Animal owner and keeper must:

- if he suspects that the pigs kept by him suffer from contagious disease he must immediately inform the State Food and Veterinary Service and a private veterinarian who provides veterinary services, and must immediately start application of the minimum measures of biosecurity in the pig holding on purpose to prevent the disease spreading;
- if necessary he must enable the veterinarian's access to the animals on purpose to examine and vaccinate them, also to take blood and other samples for laboratory analysis and to apply other veterinary measures;
- if vaccination of pigs is carried out in their keeping location, the vaccination plans must be agreed with the appropriate territorial State Food and Veterinary Service under the State Food and Veterinary Service pursuant to the provisions of the Contagious Diseases Control Program approved by the State Food and Veterinary Service director's order No. B1-281 dated on the 12th of April 2006;
- to ensure the exclusive use of the veterinary medicines registered in the Register of Veterinary Medicines for the pigs treatment;
- to ensure regular rodents and other pest control in the pig holding;
- to inform the workers of the pig holding regarding the need to avoid visits to other pig holdings, wild boars, pig and wild boar crossbreeds, the locations of wild boars hunting and primary processing, the locations of animals by-products processing, they also must be informed regarding the need to warn the animals owner or keeper regarding their visit in the above locations, this must be done prior their access to the pig holding of the animals owner or keeper;
- must prohibit the workers of the pig holding to bring a food of animal origin to the keeping room for pigs;
- must prohibit feeding of pigs with a swill food;
- to ensure regular manure removal;
- to ensure dead pigs removal from their keeping location and animal by-products processing according to the laws;
- On purpose to reduce the rodents reproductive potential the territory that surrounds the keeping room and location for pigs must be regularly maintained;
- The vehicles intended for pig transportation that are properly cleaned and disinfected according to the laws are used for the pig transportation to and from the pig holding;
- The workers and visitors are prohibited to bring in a food of animal origin to the keeping room for pigs;
- The workers who work in the pig holdings and the keeping room for pigs, also other persons who aren't permanent workers of the pig holding, however perform works in the pig holding or carry out the control of the pig holding and the visitors are recommended to avoid visiting of the keeping room for

pigs if during the past 48 hours they have visited other locations of pigs, boars, pig and wild boar crossbreeds keeping, the locations of boars hunting and primary evisceration, slaughterhouses, the sites of animal by-product processing. Any person who wants to access the pig holding must inform the owner, keeper or the person in charge who makes a decision regarding the person's possibility to access the pig holding about a visit in other locations of pigs, boars, pig and wild boar crossbreeds keeping, the locations of boars hunting and primary evisceration, slaughterhouses, the locations of animals by-products processing during the past 48 hours;

– The workers who had direct or indirect contact with the containers intended for the storage of pigs carcasses and (or) the vehicle of the company that is engaged in the activity of animal by-products processing or its driver are prohibited access the keeping room for pigs if prior entering they didn't take a shower and haven't changed their dirty working boots and clothing;

The visitors (visiting commercial and non-commercial pig farms):

- are prohibited to visit the pig holding without the permission of the owner, keeper or the person in charge of the pig holding. The visitor who has received the permission of the owner, keeper or the person in charge of the pig holding must register himself in the visitors register;
- are recommended to avoid visits to the keeping room for pigs if during the past 48 hours they had a visit abroad, they have visited other locations of pigs, boars, pig and wild boar crossbreeds keeping, the locations of boars hunting and evisceration, slaughterhouses and the locations of animals by-products processing.

Category II - Non-commercial pig farms (pigs kept only for own consumption, just fattening pigs kept); The number of pigs and number of holdings are fluctuating during the year. The majority of the pigs are kept in back yard holdings for own consumption and are slaughtered during Christmas time. The biosecurity in the majority of backyard holdings has to be regarded as relatively poor, but for non-commercial pig farms are applicable simplified requirements:

- a) No swill feeding and removal of animal by-products in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.
- b) No contact between the pig(s) of the NCF, pigs from other holdings and feral pigs or wild boar. Pigs should be kept in a way that ensures that there is no direct, neither indirect, contact with pigs coming from other holdings or with pigs outside the premises nor with wild boar.
- c) No contact to any part of feral pigs (including hunted or dead wild boar/meat/byproducts).
- d) The owner (or the person in charge of the pigs) should take appropriate biohygienic measures such as change clothes and boots on entering the stable and leaving the stable. Disinfection should be performed at the entrance of the holding and the stable.
- e) No hunting activity should be carried out 48h prior being in contact with pigs.
- f) No unauthorized persons/transport are allowed to enter the pig holding (stable) and records are kept of people and vehicles accessing the area where the pigs are kept.
- g) Home slaughtering is allowed and in case of suspicion official veterinarian will inspect the carcass and take samples for ASF laboratory test.
- h) No sows and/or boar used for reproduction are allowed on the holding.
- i) Ban of feeding fresh grass or grains to pigs unless treated to inactivate ASF virus or stored (out of reach of wild boar) for at least 30 days before feeding.
- j) Ban on using straw for bedding of pigs unless treated to inactivate ASF virus or stored (out of reach of wild boar) for at least 90 days before use.

The control will be performed by official veterinarians. Inspections will be performed in order to check biosecurity measures and census of pig in the commercial pig holdings:

- a) in the restricted zones I and II: at least twice a year, with an interval of at least four months between such visits;
- b) in the restricted zone III: at least once every three months.

In the backyards inspection will be carried out in the areas, where active circulation of ASF virus is

detected (where the presence of ASF positive wild boar by PCR was confirmed).

Inspection will be based on checks of compliances to national legal act (Requirements regarding biosecurity measures applicable in the pig holdings approved by the State Food and Veterinary Service Director's Order No. B1-384 dated on the 11th of July 2011) and during the inspection animal identification and registration will be checked (number of pigs declared in to Central Date Base for animal register and real number of pigs kept), clinical investigation will be performed and in case of suspicion pigs will be examined and blood samples (in case of death – organ samples) will be taken for ASF testing.

Samples for ASF testing will be taken from pigs in case of increased fever, mortality due to suspected infection diseases, increased morbidity or mortality and after clinical inspection at home slaughtering in case of suspicion to any pig disease.

Samples will be taken and send to National Reference Laboratory (National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute) by official veterinarian for PCR test (blood and / or organs) (for early detection and disease confirmation) and for ELISA test for antibodies detection if it will be epidemiologically relevant and in any case of positive result by PCR or suspicion of ASF convalescence. IPT test will be used in case of suspicion or doubtful/positive ELISA results, to confirm the result of ELISA test.

If during the inspection will be found non compliances to the Requirements regarding biosecurity measures applicable in the pig holdings, the owner will receive the fine and 14 days' time frame to present the plan with the information and deadlines to resolve discrepancies. If after the agreed and approved dates with territorial State Food and Veterinary Service the discrepancies will be not resolved and the Requirements regarding biosecurity measures applicable in the pig holdings will be not applied, the owner will be obliged to slaughter the pigs kept and to pay testing for ASF by himself, the meat will be used for personal consumption only.

The target pig population on 1 January 2022 was as follows:

The number of backyard holdings is 6653 and the number of pigs kept is 21749.

The number of commercial pig holdings (small, middle and large) is 360 and the number of pigs kept is 530026.

B) Measures taken to control the disease in wild boar:

In Lithuania, it is forbidden to keep wild boar in fenced/restricted areas.

According to the hunter's data, the targeted population of wild boar (before the reproduction season) in Lithuania was 16822.

Two type of surveillance will be used in wild boar population:

- 1) Active:
- i) in to restriction zone I of the Annex set up by COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/687 in order to detect early introduction of ASF from infected areas (Part II and III) in to the areas included sampling of hunted wild boars will be used in order to detect 1 % of prevalence with 95 % of confidence. The blood samples will be taken for ELISA and PCR tests performed. In case of positive/oubtful ELISA result IPT tests will be used.
- ii) in the areas included in to restriction zone II and restriction zone III all wild boars hunted are tested. The blood samples will be taken for ELISA and PCR test performed. In case of positive /doubtful ELISA result IPT tests will be used.
- III) in the areas considering as free sampling of hunted wild boars will be used in order to detect 5 % of prevalence with 95 % of confidence. The blood samples will be taken for ELISA and PCR tests performed.
- 2) Passive all wild boars found dead or killed in road incident, wild boar hunted with strange or abnormal behavior and looking sick. In the entire country of Lithuania passive surveillance is enforced

and every found dead or killed in road incident wild boar is subjected to laboratory investigation for ASF and samples are taken only by official veterinarian (organ samples or whole cadaver or bone marrow) and delivered in the framework of national ASF programme to National Reference laboratory. Hunters and gamekeepers are instructed to continue reporting the finding of all dead wild boar including found dead and killed in the road incidents to State Food and Veterinary Service.

All hunted and found dead wild boars will be sampled and tested for the presence of ASF genome using RT-PCR. The samples positive for ASF wild boars will be retested using ELISA for ASF antibodies detection and confirmed by IPT.

All hunted wild boars are stored in specially designated places till laboratory results for ASF are available. An epidemiological inquiry performed by the SFVS will be carried out on each wild boar found dead or hunted in the entire country. This inquiry will include the completion of an epidemiological report which supplies detailed information on each wild boar found dead or shot. Each location of found dead wild boar is marked via GPS coordinates. In case of positive results the case is identified in ARGIS platform and visualized.

The sampling period is whole year without any seasonally exemptions.

In other hunting units outside the areas listed in restriction zone III and partially restriction zone II of the Annex set up by COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/687 the hunt with beaters is limited to once per month in one unit (for example in one forest or in one quarter of forest) of hunting club.

Feeding of wild boars is forbidden in the entire territory of Lithuania, only attractive baiting is allowed near the hunting towers for hunting purposes.

New veterinary sanitary requirements rules are in line with EU Strategy started to be applicable from the 1 st of January 2019.

After the 16 outbreaks in domestic pigs in 2022 and outbreaks detected in wild boars in the new areas, 99 % of the country falls into restriction zone II. Active surveillance is performed in the entire country. It means that all wild boars hunted in restriction zone II should be tested for ASF.

4. Measures of the submitted programme

4.1 Organisation, supervision and role of all stakeholders involved in the programme

Describe

- The competent authorities (CA) involved in the implementation of the programme and their responsabilities
- Other stakeholders involved in the implementation of the programme, their role and their communication channels with the CA.

(max. 32000 chars):

The State Food and Veterinary Service (SFVS) is the sole competent authority in Lithuania responsible for the official control of implementation of the legislation on food, feed, animal health and welfare. The SFVS (central Service) consists of the Administration and 10 Regional Departments. The Administration is comprised of the Director, 3 Deputy Directors and 1 Adviser. The Director is also the CVO.

The following two Divisions – Emergency Response Division and Animal Health and Welfare Division – are dealing with animal health and work activities related to the surveillance and control of ASF and biosecurity in the pig holdings.

The Emergency Response and Animal Health and Welfare Divisions are responsible for the coordination

and control of all territorial SFVSs involved in the implementation of ASF Control Programme.

The Emergency Response Division:

- Analyses the epizootic situation of contagious animal diseases in Lithuania and other countries, makes
 the assessment of risk factors and adopts the decisions on the control of infectious animal diseases and
 contingency actions;
- Organise the monitoring and control of contagious animal diseases and zoonoses as well as the eradication of outbreaks of infectious animal diseases.

The Animal Health and Welfare Division:

- Carries out the control over identification and registration of animals, trade of animals, animal byproducts, feeds and feed additives, import, distribution and the use of veterinary medicines.
- Analyses and implements the EU legislation or drafts of the national legislation on animal welfare, control, monitoring and eradication of infectious animal diseases.
- Responsible for the implementation and coordination of the control of implementation of biosecurity measures.

10 SFVS Departments (administrative divisions) perform the official food and veterinary control.

The Emergency Response and Animal Health and Welfare Divisions are responsible for the coordination and control of all SFVS Departments (10 in total) involved in the implementation of this Programme.

- National Food and Risk Assessment Institute performs the National Reference Laboratory functions in respect of animal infectious diseases diagnostics.
- Ministry of Environment competent authority in Lithuania responsible for hunting control and collection of wildlife population data.
- Ministry of Agriculture competent authority in Lithuania responsible for compensation for the farmers due to animal disease eradication.
- Local Crisis Centre consists of representatives from local municipality, State Fire and Rescue service, State Police, State Environmental Service, State Food and Veterinary Service, local municipalities representatives etc., and it organizes and co-ordinates the measures of animal infectious disease outbreak control and elimination of consequences thereof in the respective territory.
- ASF Expert group is headed by SFVS and consists of representatives of Central State Food and Veterinary Office, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (former Lithuanian Veterinary Academy), Environment Protection Service, National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute, Ministry of the Environment, Nature Protection Department, Nature Investigation Centre, Institute of Ecology, Pig Breeders Association and representative from Hunters association.

Other stakeholders involved in the implementation of the program are Pig Breeders Association and Hunters associations (6 in total). The main channel of communication is through the remote or physical meetings, which are held at least twice a year or if there are changes in the epidemiological situation - upon the need.

4.2 Description and demarcation of the geographical and administrative areas in which the programme is to be implemented

Describe the name and surface of the areas where the following activities are implemented (if administrative units are not used, decribe the natural or artificial boundaries used to determine the geographical areas):

- 1) Surveillance in holdings/wild boar
- 2) Vaccination in holdings/wild boar and monitoring the efficacy of the vaccination
- 3) Describe risk areas if they have been defined
- 4) Describe WAMTA (ASF programme)

Add maps.

(max. 32000 chars):

The program will be implemented in whole territory of Lithuania, including all areas listed in the Annex of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/605 of 7 April 2021 laying down special control measures for African swine fever as well in the areas considered as free.

Vaccination against ASF is not possible.

WAMTA is not established in Lithuania, as the whole country is considered as infected by ASF.

4.3 Description of the measures of the programme

4.3.1 Notification of the disease

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Under the Law on Veterinary Activities, an animal owner is obligated to inform private or official veterinarian if pigs get sick or are suspected of any infectious pig disease.

If disease is suspected, the official veterinarian shall visit the suspected holding to confirm or rule out the presence of disease. The official veterinarian shall check production and health records of the holding shall inspect each sub-unit of the holding and carry out clinical examination of pigs. The clinical examination includes the measurement of body temperature of the following pigs: sick or anorexic pigs, pigs recently recovered from disease, pigs recently introduced to the pig herd, pigs kept in sub-units recently visited by external visitors, pigs already sampled and serologically tested for infectious diseases. In the suspected holdings the official veterinarian shall carry out further examinations of pigs in order to ensure that blood samples for laboratory tests are taken from the pigs in the holding in question. The clinical examination in the holding in question is carried out on pigs selected at random in the sub-

The clinical examination in the holding in question is carried out on pigs selected at random in the subunits for which a risk of introduction of disease has been identified or is suspected or could be sampled from different pig holding groups, according to the epizootic situation.

Hunter clubs or associations directly inform the territorial State Food and Veterinary Services and contracted veterinarians about any suspected case in wild life.

4.3.2 Target animals and animal population

Describe

- The pig industry, type and number of farms
- Feral pigs-wild boar distribution in the country
- Target population
 - for surveillance and or vaccination in holdings
 - for surveillance and or vaccination in feral pigs/wild boar

(max. 32000 chars):

Targeted animals will be domestic pigs and wild boars.

There are 5666 pig herds registered in Lithuania with 525165 thousand of pigs kept.

There are 5404 non-commercial farms (up to 10 fattening pigs kept for own consumption) with 15526 pigs kept and 262 commercial farm herds with 509639 pigs kept. Data taken on 1 of May 2022, https://www.vic.lt/gpsas-apskaita/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2022/05/29_kiaules_bandos_220501.pdf

Number of wild boar (based on the hunting bag from the season 2020/2021) can be around 20 thousand animals before the reproduction season and the wild boars are distributed in the entire country.

4.3.3 Identification of animals and registration of holding including detailed reference to relevant Union legislation and its implementation in the Member State for this disease

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At the end of 2007, the Animal Registry Database was re-organized into the Farming Animal Registry Database (CDB). Prior to 2007, only data on cattle, sheep, goats and pigs were recorded. The database now contains data for all farm animals, animal holdings and keepers.

It is maintained by the Agriculture Information and Rural Business Development Centre under the Ministry of Agriculture.

It is accessible via Internet to all territorial SFVS and to authorized veterinarians. The data can be transferred also by animal keepers and animal identifiers – the persons, who have participated in the trainings, organized by territorial SFVS on animal identification and have license to identify animals under Order No. 3D-234 of the Ministry of Agriculture of 16 June 2003.

Slaughterhouses have the possibility to register all slaughtered animals in the database.

According to the national legislation, animal keepers are responsible for registration of notifications on animal holdings, ear tagging and registration of animals' movement, keeping and updating of the onfarm animal registers. Animal identification, herd registration and movement control system for porcine animals has been developed and is fully operational. Pigs are ear-tagged with oval shape plastic ear tag before leaving the heard. Information is saved in the central computer database for animal identification. A herd of pigs is defined and identified as a group of animals; the breeding sows are identified individually. Animal keeper should inform quarterly about actual numbers of pigs kept.

4.3.4 Rules of the movement of animals including detailed reference to relevant Union legislation and its implementation in the Member State for this disease

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Pig keeping places in Lithuania have to be registered in the Animal Registry Database. Before pigs leave the holding for trade they have to be checked by a veterinarian. Only healthy animals can leave the holding. For the animals to be transported a veterinary certificate is issued and all the relevant guarantees are provided in it.

Animal transport from the place of origin to the place of destination is allowed only from the holdings, which have the same health status. At the time of transportation from the holding of origin to the place of the destination, contact with other animals is not allowed. Transporters are obliged in any case not to mix animals of different health status during the transportation between the place of origin and the place of destination.

Also no animal shall be transported unless it is fit for the intended journey and unless suitable provisions have been made for its care during the journey and on arrival at the place of destination. Sick or injured animals are not being considered fit for transport.

The keepers of pigs at commercial farms should maintain up-to-date records of the animals on their holdings and submit weekly reports on the movement of batches of pigs to and from their holdings. They provide a quarterly census of animals present on the farm instead of an entry for each separate movement.

Before the movement of pigs veterinary health certificate is issued by authorized or state veterinarian after clinical examination of pigs before the movement using TRACES system.

4.3.5 Surveillance and inspection regime

Describe

- The test used, when are to be used and in which animals
- Sampling sheemes at holding level an at animal level and the criteria to include an animal or a holding in the sampling scheme
- Sampling scheme in wild populations
- Inspection regime in farms (commercial and backyards)

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National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute is a reference laboratory for ASF in Lithuania (before 1 of July 2008 it was called National Veterinary Laboratory) and is responsible for ensuring that in Lithuania the laboratory testing to detect the presence of ASF is performed in accordance with the diagnostic manual. The quality and efficiency of the serological diagnosis performed by the National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute are checked in the framework of the inter-laboratory proficiency tests.

The sampling strategy is following the new Animal Health Law 2016/429.

The following samples will be taken for laboratory investigations:

- Blood samples for serological (ELISA) and virological tests (PCR),
- Tissue samples (tonsils, spleen, lymph nodes) for virological tests (PCR).

All sick or dead pigs for which other causes cannot be excluded on clinical grounds, will be investigated and undergo virological tests. Ante and post mortem examination focused on detecting ASF signs of pigs slaughtered for own consumption will be carried out by authorized veterinarians. In the case of pigs with suspicious or inconclusive symptoms or lesions samples will be taken for laboratory testing to rule out the presence of ASF.

The passive surveillance for domestic pigs and wild boars will be carried out. Regular inspections to pig holdings (both commercial and back yards) will be carried out by official or authorized veterinarians in order to check health status of pigs in holdings. In a case of the detection of clinical signs, similar to ASF, increased morbidity and mortality, sampling will be performed for virological testing. Blood and in case of death - tissues (organs) samples will be investigated for presence of virus (from blood and organs). From sick domestic pigs blood samples will be taken and analysed by RT-PCR. From dead pigs, pigs from the ASF risk area slaughtered in slaughterhouses and for own consumption tissues will be taken and analysed by RT-PCR for ASF virus determination.

Every week from every commercial pig holding at first two dead kept porcine animals over the age of 60 days or, in the absence of such dead animals over the age of 60 days, on any dead kept porcine animals after weaning, in each epidemiological unit) will be delivered for testing using RT-PCR for the virus detection.

From hunted wild boars blood samples and tissues will be taken. Blood samples will be analysed for antibodies and virus determination.

Blood samples from domestic pigs will be collected by authorized veterinarians and from wild boars

blood and tissue (from dead animals) samples will be collected by authorized veterinarians and / or hunters.

The diagnostic methods for the disease survey have been applied as described in the Manual of Standards for Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines. ASF antibodies determination in blood serum is performed using ELISA Ab tests. ASF antigen determination in blood serum is performed using ELISA Ag tests. The samples will be tested by real-time RT-PCR.

The immunoperoxidase technique (IPT) is an immune-cytochemistry technique on fixed cells to determine the antibody-antigen complex formation through the action of the peroxidase enzyme. In this procedure, Vero or MS cells are infected with ASFV adapted isolates to these cell cultures. The infected cells are fixed and are used as antigens to determine the presence of the specific antibodies against ASF in serum samples. The IPT has been fully validated at the EURL as alternative confirmatory test for antibody detection to ASF infection either in serum and exudate tissue samples or in a large-scale survey of ASF. The sensitivity and specificity values of 98.20% and 98.95%, respectively are comparable to Inmunoblotting (IB) and Indirect immunofluorescence assays (IFI).

The control will be performed by official veterinarians. Inspections will be performed in order to check biosecurity measures and census of pig in the commercial pig holdings:

a) in the restricted zones I and II: at least twice a year, with an interval of at least four months between such visits;

b) in the restricted zone III: at least once every three months.

In the backyards inspection will be carried out in the areas, where active circulation of ASF virus is detected (where the presence of ASF positive wild boar by PCR was confirmed).

Inspection will be based on checks of compliances to national legal act (Requirements regarding biosecurity measures applicable in the pig holdings approved by the State Food and Veterinary Service Director's Order No. B1-384 dated on the 11th of July 2011) and during the inspection animal identification and registration will be checked (number of pigs declared in to Central Date Base for animal register and real number of pigs kept), clinical investigation will be performed and in case of suspicion pigs will be examined and blood samples (in case of death – organ samples) will be taken for ASF testing.

We are predicting that in 2023 40 suspicions will be received from non-commercial farms. In case of suspicion, live pigs will be examined and blood samples (in case of death – organ samples) will be taken for ASF testing from the pigs in contact.

Blood samples for ASF testing will be taken from pigs in case of increased fever only. In case of mortality due to suspected infection diseases, increased morbidity, or mortality and after clinical inspection at home slaughtering in case of suspicion of any pig disease the organ samples would be collected. Table B.1 indicates only the blood samples should be taken for commercial and non-commercial pig holdings in case of suspicion exclusively. Lithuania implements strictly enhanced passive surveillance and collects only organ samples from dead pigs and for 2023 has foreseen to sample 20 thousand of dead pigs in the framework of passive surveillance on the weekly basis (at least 2 last dead pigs from the commercial pig holding).

The pooling of samples is always done from the same farm sampled in the framework of passive surveillance. According to the requirements, up to 10 dead pigs from the farm (epidemiological unit) are collected and the pooling of samples is performed at the National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute (NFVRAI), where up to 5 pigs are pooled into one pooled sample.

From hunted wild boars the blood samples are collected for PCR and ELISA and in the NFVRAI the pooling is done from up to 3 wild boars.

4.3.6 Vaccines used and vaccination schemes including detailed reference to relevant Union legislation and its implementation in the Member State for this disease

Describe

- Vaccines to be used in the programme
- In case of feral pigs, type of holdings to be vaccinated
- In case of feral pig-wild boar, bait density to be achieved in each area of the programme
- Sampling scheme and tests used to verify the efficacy of the vaccination

(max. 32000 chars):

No vaccines are available for ASF.

4.3.7 Biosecurtiy requirements applicable to farms (commercial and backyards) and to hunting grounds.

(max. 32000 chars):

By the Order of the Director of State Food and Veterinary Service No B1-384 of 11 July 2011 were approved "The requirements of biosecurity measures in pig keeping places" (Official Journal 2011, No. 95-4498). The checks for compliance of national rules are done by the official inspectors from territorial State Food and Veterinary services and authorized veterinarians.

New veterinary sanitary requirements rules are line with EU Strategy and started to be applicable from the 1 st of January 2019. The main biosecurity principles are set in the document.

The veterinary and sanitary rules are applicable for hunters since 2002. The newly amended rules valid since January 2019 including the approved dressing areas and biosecurity requirements. It means that all dressing areas (open air and closed) and pits for dressing offal's must be authorized by the official vets. Since 2019 all hunting clubs were inspected regarding the biosecurity measures implemented and dressing areas and pits were approved. The authorization documents were issued and its valid for all time. According to the risk or in case complains are received The SFVS can organized unscheduled inspection for a hunting ground. If some complains with national legislation is found the SFVS can stop the authorization. Without authorization the hunting cannot be organized.

The disinfectant is needed due to the ASF outbreaks in domestic pigs and wild boars. The SFVS collects information from the regionals SFVS and organizes procurement procedures. The disinfectants are used after confirmation of the ASF for the primary disinfection performed. The disinfection is completed in the dead wild boars founding places or after positive results, the received carcasses storage place is disinfected by the official vets from the local SFVS.

4.3.8 Measures in case of a positive result including detailed reference to relevant Union legislation and its implementation in the Member State for this disease

A description is provided of the measures as regards positive animals and detailed reference to the Union legislation provisions(slaughter, destination of carcasses, use or treatment of animal products, the destruction of all products which could transmit the disease or the treatment of such products to avoid any possible contamination, a procedure for the disinfection of infected holdings, the therapeutic or preventive treatment chosen, a procedure for the restocking with healthy animals of holdings which have been depopulated by slaughter and the creation of a surveillance zone around infected holding). A definition of a suspicion and of a confirmation should be provided, with detailed measures implemented in both situation and how the herd is requalified as free after a positive result.

(max. 32000 chars):

Control and eradication of contagious diseases is performed according to the Law on Veterinary Activities and other legal acts by the SFVS. The Emergency Response Department (hereafter - ERD) is based in the State Food and Veterinary Service. ERD shall organize the eradication of contagious diseases, direct the activities of the Emergency Response Centres of the territorial State Food and Veterinary Services, co-ordinate the implementation of the eradication measures against contagious animal diseases, carry out prevention and control of dangerous contagious diseases, co-ordinate the actions of the institutions subordinate to the State Food and Veterinary Service in eradication of contagious animal diseases. The ERD is subordinate to the director of the State Food and Veterinary Service. In its activities the ERD is guided by the Law on Veterinary Activities of the Republic of Lithuania and the contingency plans on the eradication of diseases. The ERD guide the activities of territorial Emergency Response Centres, organize control and eradication measures against contagious animal diseases, establish the scope of control measures and exercise control on the implementation thereof, form expert groups, assess the risk of the contagious disease for human and animal health, coordinate the handling and use of the government funds for the eradication of contagious animal diseases, organize collection of samples for testing against contagious diseases, cooperate with the corresponding institutions of other countries and international organizations, inform the Ministry of Health Care, the Ministry of Agriculture and other related institutions on the diagnosed contagious animal diseases and on the measures for their eradication, notify the European Commission, the veterinary services of the European Union Member States, the International Office of Epizootics, the World Health Organization on contagious animal diseases and the measures for the eradication thereof. The National Contingency Plan of ASF is rewied and updated in 2021.

4.3.9 Description of the slaughtering policy (in ASF programmes). Describe under which circumstances a farm will be slaughtered/culled and, if any, types of preventive slaughtering/culling regimes applied.

(max. 32000 chars):

In case of positive test result for ASF in domestic pigs on the holding, all pigs in the pig keeping place (holding), independently for the number of pigs kept, are culled and destroyed under official supervision and all measures in accordance with the REGULATION (EU) 2016/429 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law').

National measures - preventive slaughter, is applied in the buffer zone, established by the order of the Director of State Food and Veterinary Service. The aim of buffer zone is to minimize the risk of further spread of ASF (in the year 2016 in Lithuania 3712 pigs have been slaughtered using preventive (early) slaughtering, compensation have been paid to the owners with the obligation not to keep pigs for at least one year).

The pig keeper until by SFVS proposed date are checked by official or authorized veterinarian and if the farm do not comply with national biosecurity rules, farmer has the time to remove noncompliances or to early slaughter the pigs kept. Samples are taken for ASF from slaughtered pig and in case of negative result meat can be used for personal consumption, compensation is paid excluding the value of meat and the farmed should sign the agreement not to keep pigs for at least one year.

4.3.10 Compensation scheme for owners of slaughtered and killed animals

(max. 32000 chars):

Compensation procedure is foreseen in the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania No 1220 of 16 October 2001 on the compensation of losses and expenses incurred by the contagious diseases of animals, eradication of their focuses, Order of the Minister of Agriculture No. 3D-646 "Approval of Rules of Support in Case of Emergency", list of diseases to be compensated approved by Director of the State Food and Veterinary Service by the Order No B1-60 of 09 01 2003 and The Procedure on Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture on the cases of contagious animal diseases, the acquired anti-epizootic means and the actions performed approved by Director of the State Food and Veterinary Service by Order No 465 of 1 October 2001.

The committee is constituted including a Veterinarian of the Territorial State Food and Veterinary Service, an Officer of the District Agriculture Service and a representative of farmers and the committee shall evaluate the losses.

After evaluation of the losses the report of the committee must be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministry of Agriculture shall prepare a report to the Lithuanian Government. The Lithuanian Government, taking into account the report of the Ministry of the Agriculture, will issue Resolution On compensation of losses to the farmer, and the compensation shall be paid from the Government reserve fund for emergencies.

The Ministry of Agriculture shall define the amount of compensation which cannot be greater than the market price of the animal, and it depends on the breed and the degree of genetic improvement of the animal. The compensation for the animals to be slaughtered within the framework of animal diseases control program must be paid to the owner within 90 days after the slaughter/killing of the animals.

4.3.11 Control on the implementation of the programme and reporting including detailed reference to relevant Union legislation and its implementation in the Member State for this disease

(max. 32000 chars):

The Emergency Response Department, Animal Health and Welfare Department and Internal Audit Department controls on implementation of the measures provided for in the surveillance program for ASF by territorial SFVS and the National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute. In case of suspicion or confirmation of ASF, the Infectious Disease Control Centres will start operating in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Statute of Infectious Disease Control Centres and national legislation. The SFVS is responsible for control of the operation of the Infectious Disease Control Centres.

The form of monthly report for all animal diseases control including ASF in territorial SFVS has been approved by Order No B1-237 of the director of SFVS of 13 April 2005. The territorial SFVS filled in report form must be presented for analysis to the central SFVS. Since 1 January 2010 for entering data into this form an on-line format is available at: http://www.vet.lt/gulk/. The territorial State Food and Veterinary Services submit monthly reports to the Animal Health and Welfare Department where the following information should be included: number of collected samples and progress of implementation of the program. The following data are collected: total number of pig herds and pigs; number of pig herds and pigs under program; number of tested pig herds and pigs and the test results and the measures taken if a positive case is detected.

The National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute provide risk analysis regarding epizootically situation of ASF in the neighbouring countries. According to the reports, SFVS can revise the ASF surveillance program if needed. Every year, the surveillance program will be revised and also will be revised the number of samples to be collected.

4.3.12 Measures implemented in wild boar (in ASF programmes).

Describe

- how sustained feeding is avoided.
- average amount of food distributed in hunting grounds per month and km2
- sampling, collection / delivery and removal of dead wild boar and compensation scheme applied

(max. 32000 chars):

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The very important measure is active patrolling to find and destroy carcasses. It's important to find and destroy the source of the virus and limited further spread to the area. Incentives for the reporting are applicable in national legislation – 30 euro per notification on the finding of dead wild boar. The compensation for the report is paid for every person it doesn't matter if reporter is a hunter or not. The special templates in the cities were prepared regarding the payment about the reporting of found dead wild boar.

Ministry of Environment – competent authority in Lithuania responsible for the implementation of hunting rules, hunting control and collection of wildlife population data.

Feeding of wild boars is forbidden in the entire territory of Lithuania, only attractive baiting is allowed near the hunting towers for hunting purposes according to the hunting rules Republic of Lithuania (since 13 April 2015).

Baiting site means a still hunting or stand hunting site with no more than 100 kg of natural origin bait placed in a special container or where hunted animals are lured with the help of stuffed animals, moulages, profiles, lures, pheromone baits, different hunting calls. If more than 100 kilograms of baits are used for baiting animals to be hunted on a single site or on several sites located at a distance less than 100 metres from each other the site (sites) like this are an animal feeding site (sites). No more than 10 baiting sites for wild boar can be installed in each hunting unit (area of 10 km2 (1000 ha). The Ministry of Environment is responsible for feeding control.

4.3.13 Describe the raising awareness actions to be implemented.

(max. 32000 chars):

The awareness campaign cover pig keepers, hunters, travelers and public in the entire country. The special leaflets, booklets, posters, articles, calendars with the information about biosecurity measures are prepared for hunters and pig keepers. Special TV shows are prepared to share information about ASF preventive measures, biosecurity requirements and their importance. The national information campaign plan is prepared and confirmed by the Order of State Food and Veterinary Service. The main targeted group are hunters and pig keepers in the entire country with the special attention to the high risk areas (areas with high density of pig farms, areas with positive ASF test results in wild boars population). Regularly information are provided through the regional TV, regional news papers, radio, Internet.

For the 2023 we are planning to organize awareness campaign through the special tv shows dedicated for hunters and pig keepers. The special leaflets and information in regional newspaper will be prepared and distributed as well. The main part of the budged will be used for tv shows. From our experience the awareness campaign from special designated tv shows and information in the regional newspapers reached the biggest part of stakeholders.

Awareness campaign

Tv shows, special designated videos;

Trainings

Celendars

Leaflets.

5. Benefits of the programme

A description is provided of the benefits of the programme on the economical and animal health points of view. Describe

- progress expected compared to the situation of the disease in the previous years, in line with the objectives and expected
- cost efficiency of the programme including management costs

(max. 32000 chars):

The effective implementation of the programme will ensure early detection of ASF virus in Lithuanian domestic pigs or wild boars and protect other regions and other Member States for further disease spreading.

Continued surveillance will contribute to diagnostic of possible ASF presence in the country in pigs and in wild boars. In case of positive findings measures will be applied to eradicate the disease and to take all measures in accordance with EU and national legislation and to compensate loses for animal keepers. The SFVS confirm its commitment to send a completed report on the actions and expenditures within the framework of this programme and to provide to the Commission whatever additional information required.

B. Targets

B.1 Disease surveillance in domestic pigs to be carried out

Targets for year:

2023

Country	Region	Type of farms	Total number of farms	Number of farms to be sampled	Number of animals to be sampled	Expected number of farms with serologically positive result	Expected number of farms with active infection detected	
LIETUVA	Entire country	Commercial	262	262	500	0	0	X
LIETUVA	Entire country	Backyard	5 404	40	160	0///0	0	X
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Total number of animals to be sampled in MS (blood)					66	50		

B.2 Disease surveillance in feral pigs/wild boar to be carried out

Targets for year: 2023

Country	Region	Estimation of the population	Method of estimation used	Species	Type surveillance	Number of animals to be tested	Expected animals positive	
LIETUVA	Entire country	20 000	Hunting bag	Wild boar	Active	18000	140	X
LIETUVA	Entire country	20 000	Hunting bag	Wild boar	Passive	400	320	X
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		400						

	Animals sampled - Total in MS	18400
B.3	Feral pigs/wild boar oral vaccination to be carried out	
B.4	Stratified data on diagnostic test and results	

Targets for year: 2023

Country	Region	Animal population	Laboratory tests used	Type of sample	Number of animals to be tested	Number of tests to be carried out	Expected number of positive results	Comments	
LIETUVA	Entire country	Domestic pigs	ELISA ab	Blood	500	200	0	In case of suspicion and after	X
LIETUVA	Entire country	Domestic pigs	IPT	Blood	100	100	0	In case of confirmation or 🕊	X
LIETUVA	Entire country	Domestic pigs	PCR	Blood	500	200	0	In case of suspicion and aft	Х
LIETUVA	Entire country	Domestic pigs	PCR	Tissue	20 000	4200	0	Each week of at least the figs	Х
LIETUVA	Entire country	Wild boar	ELISA ab	Blood	18 000	18000	140	Active surveillance	X
LIETUVA	Entire country	Wild boar	IPT	Blood	300	300	60	Active surveillance	X
LIETUVA	Entire country	Wild boar	PCR	Blood	18 000	6200	10	Active surveillance	X
LIETUVA	Entire country	Wild boar	PCR	Tissue	400	150	320	Passive surveilance	X
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				Total tests	ELISA in MS	18 200			

Total tests PCR in MS	10 750
Total tests Virus isolation/virological test in MS	0
Total tests IPT in MS	400
Total tests (Other) in MS	0

C.2. Financial informaton

1. Identification of the implementing entities - financial circuits/flows

Identify and describe the entities which will be in charge of implementing the eligible measures planned in this programme which costs will constitute the reimbursment/payment claim to the EU. Describe the financial flows/circuits followed.

Each of the following paragraphs (from a to e) shall be filled out if EU cofinancing is requested for the related measure.

a) Implementing entities - **sampling**: who performs the official sampling? Who pays? (e.g. authorised private vets perform the sampling and are paid by the regional veterinary services (state budget); sampling equipment is provided by the private laboratory testing the samples which includes the price in the invoice which is paid by the local state veterinary services (state budget))

(max. 32000 chars):

The collection of samples will be done by veterinary inspectors from territorial State food and veterinary service and authorized (contracted) private vets, which are paid by SFVS. Cost of sampling equipment is included in the payment.

- b) Implementing entities testing: who performs the testing of the official samples? Who pays?
- (e.g. regional public laboratories perform the testing of official samples and costs related to this testing are entirely paid by the state budget)

(max. 32000 chars):

National Food and veterinary risk assessment institute is reference laboratory to perform the testing of official samples and costs related to this testing are entirely paid by the state budged.

- c) Implementing entities compensation: who performs the compensation? Who pays?
- (e.g. compensation is paid by the central level of the state veterinary services, or compensation is paid by an insurance fund fed by compulsory farmers contribution)

(max. 32000 chars):

Compensation is paid by the National Paying Agency under the Ministry of agriculture.

- d) Implementing entities **vaccination**: who provides the vaccine and who performs the vaccination? Who pays the vaccine? Who pays the vaccinator?
- (e.g. farmers buy their vaccine to the private vets, send the paid invoices to the local state veterinary services which reimburse the farmers of the full amount and the vaccinator is paid by the regional state veterinary services)

(max. 32000 chars):

N/A

e) Implementing entities - other essential measures : who implements this measure? Who provides the equipment service? Who pays? (max. 32000 chars): State Food and Veterinary Service is the sole competent authority in Lithuania responsible for the official control of implementation of African swine for surveillance programme. Collection of samples and testing is paid from national budget.
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2. Source of funding of eligible measures
All eligible measures for which cofinancing is requested and reimbursment will be claimed are financed by public fund
$\Box yes$
⊠no
Please describe the other sources of funding: (max 32000 characters)
All measures included in the programme will be funded from the national budget.

3.	Additional	measures	in	exceptional	and	iustified	cases
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In the "Guidelines for the Union co-funded veterinary programmes", it is indicated that in exceptional and duly justified cases, additional necessary measures can be proposed by the Member States in their application.

If you introduced these type of measures in this programme,	for each of them,	please provide detailed	l technical justification and	also
iustification of their cost:				

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