

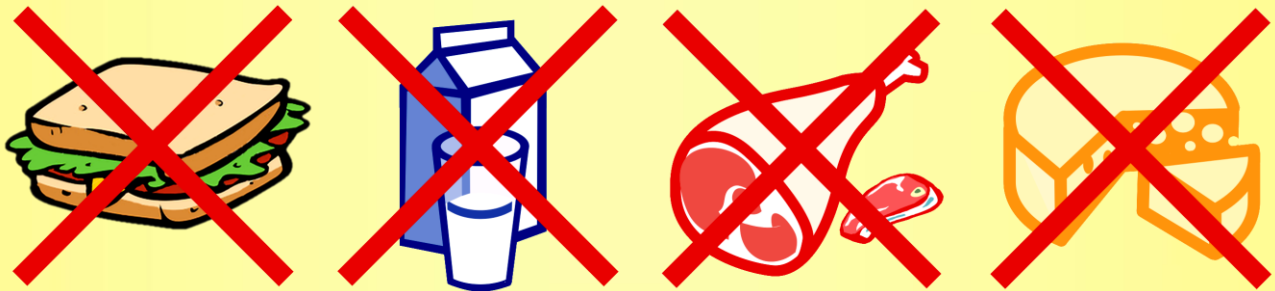
# INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS ENTERING THE TERRITORY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Chief Veterinary Officer informs that in 2014 and 2015 multiple outbreaks of **African swine fever (ASF)** were detected in certain Central and Eastern European countries. Moreover, there were also confirmed **cases of detection of the ASF virus presence in products of animal origin** manufactured in third countries.

Taking the above into account, the Chief Veterinary Officer reminds that there is **an absolute ban on bringing products of animal origin to the European Union.**



**Foodstuffs containing products of animal origin that are brought to the EU may contain pathogens causing infectious animal diseases, including African swine fever.**



**Do not let infectious animal diseases to be introduced to the territory of the European Union!**

## **What is African swine fever?**

African swine fever (ASF) is a dangerous and highly pathogenic infectious disease of domestic pigs and wild boar. **An important way of the ASF virus spread is the feeding of animals with food waste (swill feeding).** People are not susceptible to the ASF virus and the disease does not pose a threat to their health or life. However, it needs to be underlined that ASF occurrence results in putting a given country at risk of considerable financial losses connected mainly with preventing pigs or pork meat exportation to countries free from the disease.