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Report Name: China Notifies ASF outbreak in Guangdong Province

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Report Highlights:

On January 28, 2021, China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) notified the U.S. Embassy in Beijing that on January 21, 2021, China detected African Swine Fever (ASF) in live swine transported into Guangdong Province. Guangdong is one of the largest swine production provinces in China. China notified this ASF outbreak to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and is continuing to monitor the situation.

General Information:

On January 28, 2021, MARA notified the U.S. Embassy that on January 21, 2021, live swine had been found to have ASF in the Pingyuan County of Guangdong Province. There were 1,015 susceptible animals, of which 214 were sick and 214 died. The remaining animals were culled and disposed. The swine were reportedly illegally transported into Guangdong. The outbreak is ongoing and China is monitoring the situation. China [notified the OIE](#) of this outbreak.

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January 28, 2021

Fax information by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs

To: All Diplomatic Missions in China, China Offices of International Organizations, Food and Health Bureau of Hong Kong SAR, Civil Affairs Commission of Macau SAR

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From: International Cooperation Department of MARA, Office of Hong Kong and Macau Affairs of MARA

Signed by Wei Zhenglin

Subject: Notification of African Swine Fever in Mainland China

This is to notify that the African Swine Fever (ASF) epidemic was detected while sample testing live swine suspected to be illegally transported from another region to Pingyuan County of Guangdong Province. The details are as follows:

1. Detection location: An animal farm located in Pingyuan County of Guangdong Province
2. Date of confirmation (of ASF): January 21, 2021
3. Sick animals: number of susceptible animals: 1,015 piglets, of which 214 sick animals, 214 died
4. Diagnosis:
 - Name of diagnostic laboratory: Guangdong Provincial Animal Disease Prevention and Control Center
 - Diagnostic measure: Fluorescence PCR, PCR
 - Pathogen: ASF virus

5. Control measures: After the detection of the epidemic, Guangdong Provincial Agricultural and Rural Affairs Department sent an expert team to the outbreak region to guide and supervise the treatment and tracing of the epidemic. The local authority has initiated its emergency response as required, and has sealed the area, disinfected and decontaminated. All piglets, which together with all sick, dead and culled piglets have been destroyed. At present, the investigation of the epidemic and trace back efforts are ongoing.

Attachments:

No Attachments.