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## African Swine Fever – Mauritius

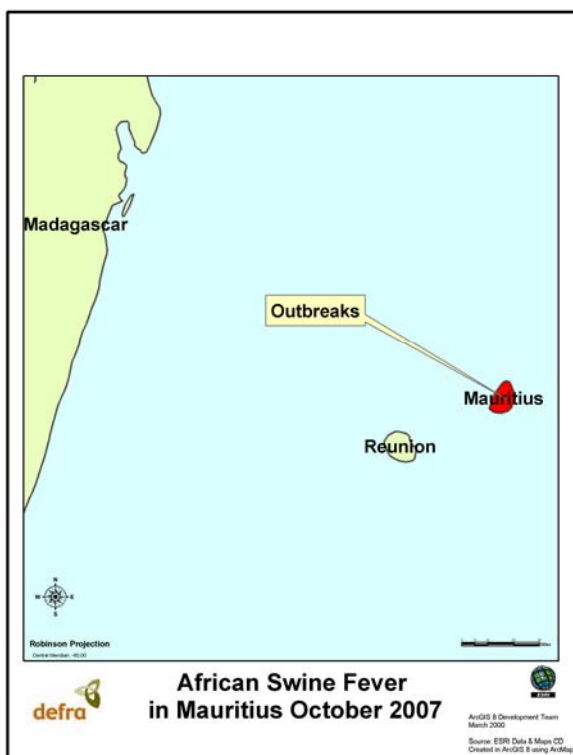
**Note:** Defra Food and Farming Group - International Trade Core Function (FFG-ITCF) monitors outbreaks of high impact diseases around the world. African swine fever (ASF) is among those diseases of major concern.

### Disease Report

Mauritius reported three outbreaks of African swine fever (ASF) from three locations (see map) in the south and east of the island. The outbreaks started in late September and were confirmed as ASF on 17 October. The disease affected village pigs. This is the first recorded outbreak of ASF in Mauritius. Control measures include stamping out and movement controls (OIE, 2007).

### Situation Assessment

Mauritius is not on the EU list of approved third countries allowed to export live pigs or fresh or frozen pig meat products to the EU (and UK). Only meat products in hermetically sealed containers following an EC-approved treatment sufficient to kill the virus are permitted. Mauritius has already banned the export of pork and pork products. The EC TRACES database shows that there have been no imports of any meat products, other than fish, from Mauritius to the UK since the beginning of July 2007.



### Conclusion

The likelihood of introduction by legal trade in susceptible livestock is considered negligible because EU (and UK) rules prohibit imports of live pigs and fresh or frozen pig meat from Mauritius. The likelihood of the introduction of the virus by illegal imports is difficult to estimate. This highlights the importance of the appropriate disposal of international catering waste, enforcement at the borders and maintaining an

effective prohibition of swill feeding in the UK.

FFG-ITCF does not intend to carry out and publish a full risk assessment but will continue to monitor the situation.

### References

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