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## Classical Swine Fever in Wild Boar in France & Germany – an update on the situation for 2006

**Note:** Defra's International Animal Health Division (IAHD) monitors outbreaks of high impact diseases around the world. Classical swine fever is among those diseases of major concern that would have a significant impact if introduced into the UK.

### Disease Report

France has reported 4 cases of classical swine fever (CSF) in wild boar found in Bas Rhin department since the beginning of 2006. France previously reported CSF in wild boar in 2004 and 2005 in the Bas Rhin and Moselle departments. Germany reported 25 cases in Euskirchen in 2006. These outbreaks in France and Germany have all occurred in areas already subject to restrictions due to the presence of CSF in wild boars (see map).



### Situation Assessment

The wild boar population in Europe has grown in recent decades. This may have resulted from introductions for hunting purposes; decreased

predation, improved fertility, interbreeding with domestic pigs or adaptation to changes to the biotope (Laddomada, 2000). Both France and Germany have implemented bait vaccination programmes in their wild boar populations in recent years. These programmes appear to have been effective in reducing the areas where CSF is endemic in wild boar.

CSF remains endemic in the wild boar populations in limited areas in the mountain forests of north-eastern France and south-western Germany. These areas are subject to European Commission (EC) rules, which prohibit exports of live pigs and their products.

### Conclusion

These outbreaks do not change the risk to the UK as the situation in this region is being dealt with under EC rules that prevent trade from the affected areas. IAHD does not intend to carry out and publish a full risk assessment on these outbreaks but will continue to monitor the situation.

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