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Report Highlights:

On June 22, Bosnia and Herzegovina's (BiH) State Veterinary Office (SVO) reported its first case of African Swine Fever (ASF) to the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH). The disease was confirmed in one dead domestic pig on a farm near Bijeljina in the northeast of BiH, near the border with Serbia. Reportedly, several animals on nine farms in four bordering villages in the Bijeljina area have tested positive so far. Samples will be sent to the European Union Reference Laboratory for ASF (EURL-ASF) in Spain for confirmation.

Summary

African Swine Fever was confirmed for the first time in BiH on June 22, 2023. The SVO reported only one case to the WOA, however, the Republika Srpska's (RS/one of the two entities in BiH) Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Management confirmed in their press release that several animals on nine farms in four bordering villages in Bijeljina region (six farms in Gornji Dragaljevac and in one farm each in Gornja and Donja Cadavica, and Srednji Dragaljevac) tested positive for ASF. Samples were tested for ASF at the Veterinary Institute "Vaso Butozan" in Banja Luka and found to be positive for ASF. BiH does not have a reference laboratory. The samples will be sent to EURL-ASF for confirmation.

The RS Ministry of Agriculture also reported that animal carcasses are being removed safely according to prescribed sanitary procedures (local community regulation), while the remaining living diseased pigs on those properties will be euthanized. Deceased animals will be buried at the designated livestock cemetery.

Agriculture authorities warned farmers to report the death of animals immediately and to keep them on the farm to prevent the spread of the disease. Transportation of animals is prohibited without special approval from the veterinary inspector. The local veterinary inspector requested that disinfection barriers be placed at the entrances of farms and facilities where pigs are kept, in order to disinfect hands, shoes and vehicles.

Attachments:

No Attachments.