

Follow-up to December 12, 2002, videoconference

APHIS was asked to identify information that needed to evaluate France, Spain, and Luxembourg, for freedom from Classical Swine Fever (CSF). We include here a list of the type of information we request for the initial evaluation. Please be advised that it may be necessary to request additional information after a preliminary evaluation has been conducted.

The information we request initially should include (but not necessarily be limited to)

- applicable legislation
- chronology of events associated with the outbreak
- origin of disease and etiological agent
- epidemiology of introduction and spread, including
 - type of operation
 - extent of spread
 - special effects of husbandry, if applicable
- eradication and control actions taken, e.g.,
 - establishment, measures implemented in, and maintenance of surveillance and control zones
 - relevant protocols and contingency plans
 - movement controls
 - release of restrictions
- traceback capabilities
- slaughter policy
- animal demographics and movement characteristics if relevant to outbreak
- time to detection
- effectiveness of these actions
- surveillance activities: before, during, and after the outbreak
- diagnostic approach
- restocking
- import policies for high risk products
- swill feeding
- lessons learned from the outbreak
- changes made as a result of lessons learned
- special considerations, e.g.,
 - level of preparation
 - import restrictions on high risk products
 - compliance
 - other
- definition of a region (optional but recommended)
 - definition of administrative unit with effective oversight of animal movement, surveillance, and disease control activities
 - infrastructure implementing oversight and control for the unit
 - disease surveillance, control, and eradication activities associated with the unit