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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: African Swine Fever in Sweden
- Information by the Swedish delegation

Delegations will find in Annex an information note by the Swedish delegation on the above mentioned subject to be raised under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council ("Agriculture and Fisheries") on 18 September 2023.

African Swine Fever in Sweden

– *Information by the Swedish delegation*

On September 6, African Swine fever was confirmed in samples taken from a dead wild boar found southeast of Fagersta, 200 km inland from Stockholm. It is the first case to be found in Sweden, and it is currently unclear how the infection came to Sweden.

The outbreak is handled according to EU and national regulations and on September 7, the Swedish Board of Agriculture together with our National Veterinary Institute, established a restriction zone of just under 1,000 square kilometers. Strict restrictions apply within this restriction zone to prevent further spread of the infection. It does not only affect pig farmers but also the forest sector and others. The public are not allowed to enter the woods within the zone. Hunting is prohibited as well as other activities, including sporting events, gatherings or public events. Dogs must be kept on a leash. As a preventive measure, the domestic pig population in the restriction zone will be killed.

The Swedish Board of Agriculture as competent authority is currently setting up an operational command center in the affected area. On-site sampling will also be carried out. The Board will enlist the help of hunters and voluntary organizations and more to search for more infected wild boars and prevent further spread of infection. The ambition is to contain and eradicate the disease.
