



Animal & Plant Health Agency

How you can help keep a serious disease of pigs out of the UK

Are you packing your bags to come and study in the UK?

Please don't pack any fresh, dried or cured pork or wild boar meat to bring to the UK. This includes any pork or wild boar products such as sausages, bacon, meatballs, pate, ham, salami, jerky, bakwa and rougan, and products made of pork fat or wild boar fat, such as lardo and salo. It is illegal to bring these items into the UK from most countries outside of the EU.

If your family or friends are sending you gifts by post, please ask them not to send any meat products.

This is because meat and meat products can carry diseases, such as African swine fever.

African swine fever is a highly contagious disease of pigs caused by a virus. It does not affect humans. There is no vaccine and the majority of affected pigs die. This virus survives for a long time in pork or wild boar meat and their products.

African swine fever has caused the deaths of millions of pigs worldwide and must be kept out of the UK. It is illegal to bring meat, cheese or milk into the UK from most countries outside of the EU.

Help protect the UK's pigs and don't bring meat or meat products into the UK. Declare any food items to customs.

For more information, search African swine fever at [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk).