

Statement from the EU Member States on African swine fever in Belarus, related to agenda item A.5.

The EU Member States and the European Commission:

- are deeply concerned due to the African swine fever (ASF) situation in the Russian Federation and its recent confirmation in Belarus, close to the EU borders;
- are ready to ensure full cooperation with Russian Federation and Belarus for the implementation of coordinated actions to tackle the disease;
- emphasise that the intense traffic of means of transport and passengers may play an important role in the spread of ASF, therefore all control measures in place to mitigate those risks should be strengthened;
- stress that the measures on disinfection of vehicles that have been revised at the Standing Committee meeting held today and the already existing measures on checks on personal consignments of products of animal origin brought by passengers will be implemented in a stringent way in order to minimise the risk of disease spread.