***Poland’s Biosecurity Plan April 2015***

*(original Polish text* [*here*](https://swiatrolnika.info/jak-polska-walczy-z-asf)*)*

*Holders of animals keeping pigs in the above mentioned areas were obliged to adjust their holdings to the following biosecurity requirements specified in the above mentioned programme within 1 month from the date of entry into force of the above mentioned regulation, i.e. by 29 May 2015.*

*Biosecurity requirements, in addition to the current ones:*

1. *securing a holding where pigs are kept in an open system, double fence, at least 1.5 m high, on a foundation or with a buried kerb;*
2. *implementation of a rodent monitoring and eradication programme;*
3. *carrying out periodic disinsectisation procedures (from April to November each year);*
4. *keeping a register of the means of transport for the transport of pigs entering the holding and a register of the entry of persons into the premises where the pigs are kept;*
5. *protecting the building in which the pigs are kept from access by pets;*
6. *keeping the pigs in the holding indoors, except for open-system pigs;*
7. *ensuring that*

*(a) persons in contact with pigs in the holding do not keep their own pigs outside the holding and do not additionally handle pigs in other holdings,*

*(b) no bystanders enter the buildings where pigs are kept,*

*(c) persons in livestock buildings wear protective clothing and footwear.*

*Holders keeping pigs in the above mentioned areas who will not be able to adapt their holdings to the above requirements may, until 29 May 2015, submit to the district veterinarian competent for the place of business a declaration that the holding will not meet the requirements set out in the biosecurity programme.*

*In this case:*

1. *the district veterinarian, after carrying out an inspection of the holding, will issue a decision ordering the killing or slaughter of pigs kept on the holding and prohibiting the introduction and keeping of animals of susceptible species on the holding for the duration of the programme, i.e. until 31 December 2018;*
2. *the keeper of the pigs will be entitled to:*

*- compensation for the killed or slaughtered animals paid by the district veterinarian responsible for the place of business,*

*- compensation for the continuous absence of pigs on the holding, granted by decision of the head of the district office of the Agency for the Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture.*

*The application for compensation must be submitted to the head of the district office of the Agency for the Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture competent for the location of the holding within 3 months of the date of entry into force of the abovementioned Regulation, i.e. by 29 July 2015. The application should be accompanied by a copy of the above mentioned decision issued by the county veterinarian and documents confirming its execution.*

*On the other hand, holders keeping pigs in the above mentioned areas who do not adapt their holdings to the above mentioned biosecurity requirements within 1 month from the date of entry into force of the above mentioned Regulation, i.e. by 29 May 2015, will not submit in this period to the district veterinarian competent for the place of business a declaration that the holding will not meet the requirements set out in the above mentioned biosecurity scheme:*

1. *the district veterinarian, after carrying out checks on the holding, will issue decisions ordering the killing of pigs kept on the holding or slaughtering them and prohibiting the introduction to the holding of animals of susceptible species for the duration of the programme, i.e. until 31 December 2018;*
2. *only compensation for the killed or slaughtered animals, paid by the district veterinarian responsible for the place of business, will be available,*

*3) the above mentioned compensation will not be entitled.*

*The most important dates:*

*- 29 April 2015 - entry into force of the regulation implementing the biosecurity scheme*

*- 29 May 2015 - deadline for the adaptation of the farm to biosecurity requirements time limit for making a declaration to the district veterinarian in case it is not possible to meet the biosecurity requirements*

*- 29 July 2015 - deadline for submitting an application for compensation to the Head of the District Office of the Agency for the Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture*