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State of play

Animal Health Law (AHL)

Switzerland

**Equivalency Swiss legislation
on animal health
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Bilateral Agreement on trade in agricultural products (EU/CH)

The EU is Switzerland's main trading partner for agricultural products:

- 58% of Swiss exports are destined to the EU: 1'800 t of milk, 54'000 t of cheese, 20'000 t of meat and 240 t of fish / crustaceans / molluscs
- 75% of Swiss imports originate from the EU: 26'000 t of milk, 63'000 t of cheese, 54'000 t of meat and 25'000 t of fish / crustaceans / molluscs

Historic development:

- **1995:** Autonomous alignment by Switzerland
- **2002:** Entering into force of the Agreement
- **2009:** Common Veterinary Area (Annex 11 of the bilateral Agreement on trade in agricultural products between Switzerland and the EU: Veterinary Annex)



Common Veterinary Area (Annex 11)

Abolition of veterinary border controls Switzerland/EU:

CH → EU (2019)	Consignments
Cattle	472
Swine	18
Poultry	401
Horses	3'090
Germinal products	287

Number of consignments
(live animals and germinal
products)

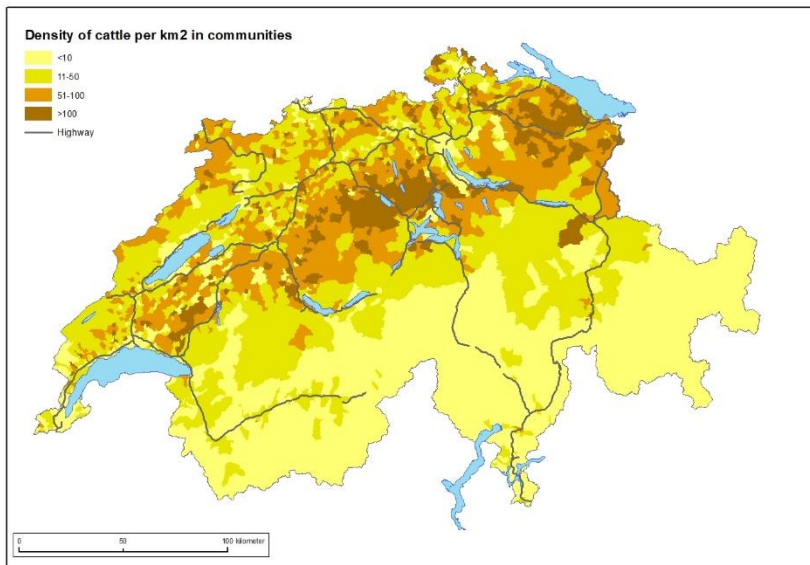
Switzerland controls shipments from Third Countries:

BCP (2019)	Zürich	Geneva
Live animals	740	469
Products	6'296	921

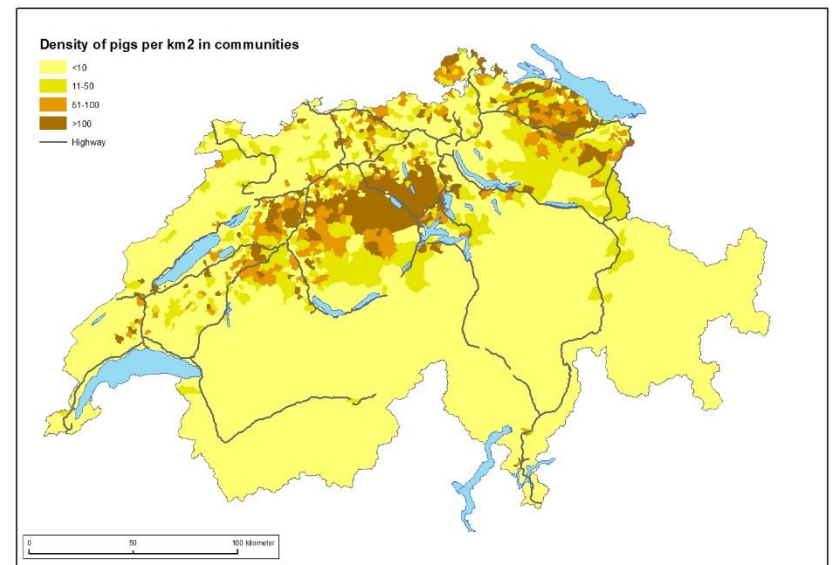
Number of import-
consignments



Densities of cattle and pigs in Switzerland



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Animal Health Strategy

EU Animal Health Strategy 2007-2013: objective to develop a single legislative framework (AHL)

Swiss Animal Health Strategy 2010+ :

- Action plans and performance targets defined
- Numerous programs implemented (early warning, surveillance, ref-lab network, simulation exercises, ..)

Swiss Law on Epizootic Diseases Amendment 2012:

- Themes: prevention, early warning, vaccine banks

Swiss Animal Health Strategy being revised:

- Evaluation 2019 completed, revision 2020+ ongoing



Animal Health Law

Switzerland closely follows the legislative developments within the EU:

- Animal Health Law (EU) 2016/429
- Delegated and Implementing Acts - 21st April 2021

Delimitation; Swiss ordinances remain partly unchanged:

- ABP-regulation - (EC) 1069/2009; 142/2011
- TSE-regulation - (EC) 999/2001
- Zoonoses-directive - (EC) 99/2003; 2160/2003
- Pets-regulation - (EU) 576/2013; 577/2013

Linkage to Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625



Swiss procedures for adjustments of legislation (1)

Part 1:

Swiss Law on Epizootic Diseases 2018

- Aim and scope amended, Art. 1
- Public-Private AH-Network established, Art. 11b

Swiss Ordinance on Epizootic Diseases 2017

- National Surveillance Programmes, Art. 76a

Swiss Ordinance on Epizootic Diseases 2019

- Disease Listing (DA (EU) 2018/1629; IA (EU) 2018/1882)
- Biosecurity (AHL (EU) 2016/429, Art. 10)
- Aquaculture (AHL (EU) 2016/429, Part IV, Title II)



Swiss procedures for adjustments of legislation (2)

Part 2:

Swiss Ordinance Animal Health Services

- Overarching AHS (structure and financing)

Swiss Ordinance Animal Movement Database

- Identification & Registration (DA (EU) 2019/2035)

Part 3:

Swiss Ordinance on Epizootic Diseases 2020

- Published in OJ (DA/IA (EU) 2020/ 686 - 691)

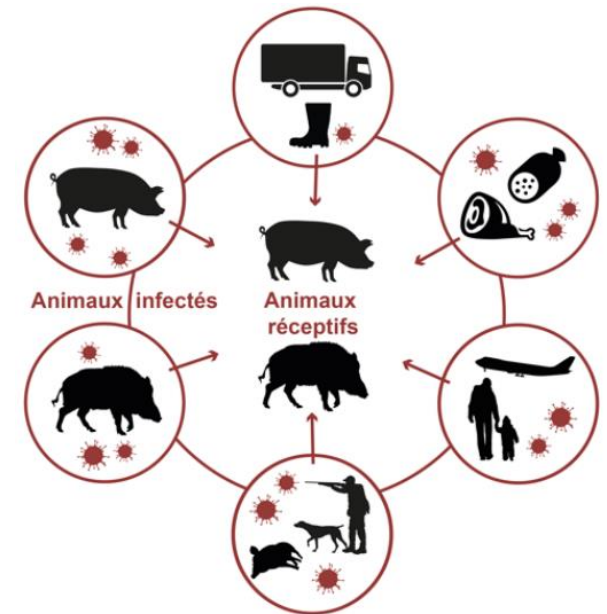
Swiss Ordinance on Trade, Import, Transit, Export

- Trade EU/CH and import TC's (DA (EU) 2020/692)



Active surveillance & Early detection programs

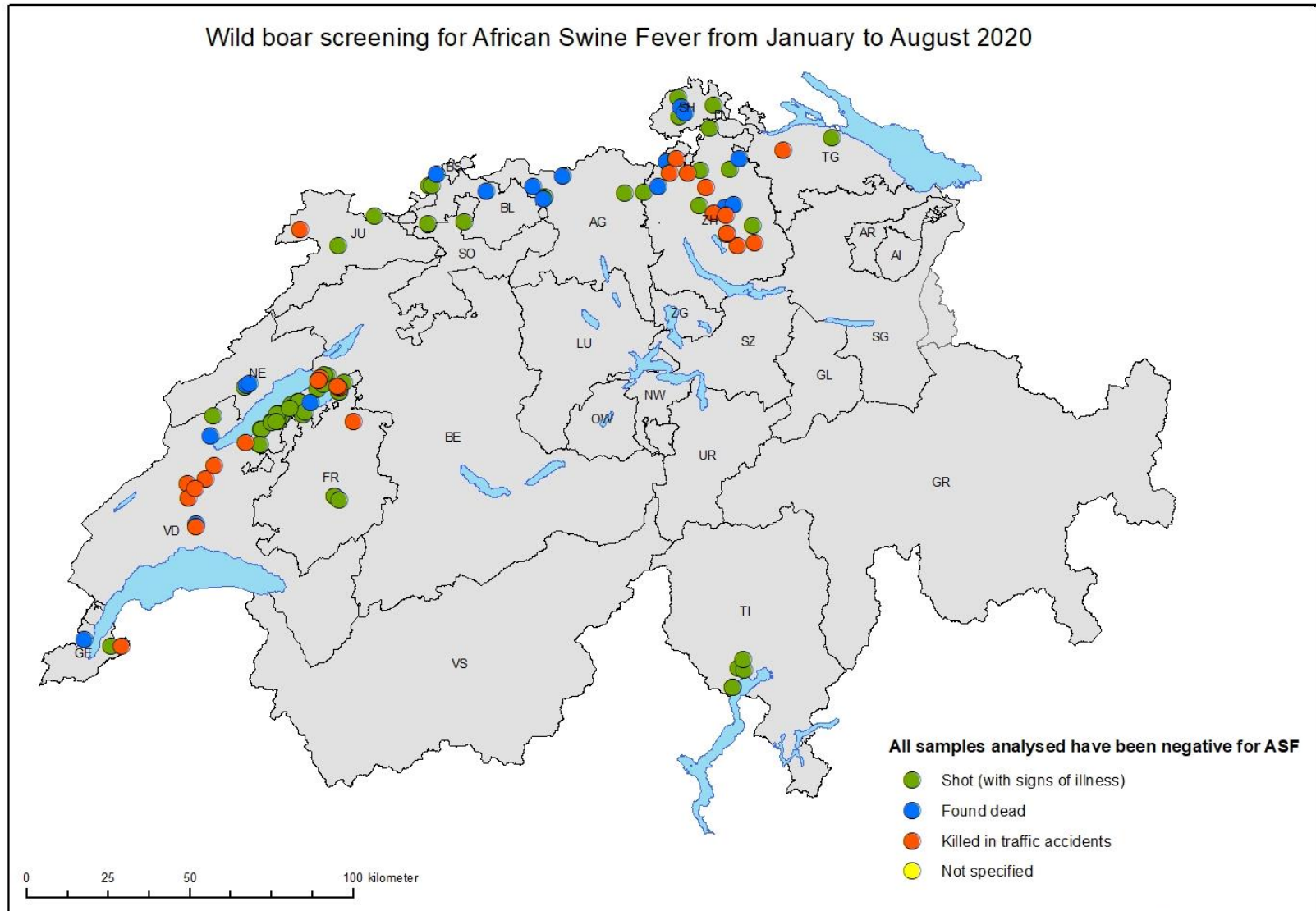
- Disease free status: IBR, EBL, Bovine Tuberculosis, Bovine Brucellosis, B. melitensis ov/cap, AD, NCD (no vaccination), Inf. Salmon Anaemia, Marteilia refringens, Bonamia ostrea
- Additional active surveillance programs (e.g. BSE, BTV, AI)
- Eradication program: BVD
- Three early detection programs:
 - ASF in wild boar (national) →
 - Tuberculosis in red deer (east-CH)
 - Small hive beetle (national)



➤ In 2019: > 400'000 tests performed under these programs



Early detection program for ASF in wild boar



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Concluding remarks

Maintenance of equivalency and update of bilateral Agreement Switzerland / EU

- Animal health (EU) 2016/429
- Official controls (EU) 2017/625

Communication and implementation has full attention

- e.g. TRACES certificates, official vets, private sector

Fine-tuning is ongoing

- e.g. establishments lists (approval, registration)

Disease free status Switzerland

- Active surveillance and early detection programs
- Reporting to Commission and EFSA