



# Disease prevention in pig farms

INSTRUCTIONS TO FOREIGN EMPLOYEES  
WORKING ON FINNISH PIG FARMS

**Workers on the farms play a crucial role in disease prevention. Learn the biosecurity procedures on the farm and follow the farmspecific disease prevention instructions.**

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## Feeding food waste to production animals is forbidden in Finland

- Therefore, you must not bring your own food into production animal premises.

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## Import of products of animal origin (meat, eggs, dairy products, hunting quarry, etc.) from outside the EU is forbidden, even for own use

- Exceptions to the rule can be found on the Evira website [www.evira.fi](http://www.evira.fi).

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## Notify your employer and a veterinarian immediately if you detect pigs showing any signs of disease

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## When travelling, remember the following rules:

- Follow the waiting period you have agreed upon with your employer.
- **Follow the 48-hour rule:** if you have had contact with production or hobby animals when travelling abroad, the waiting period before returning to work is 48 h from the last contact with animals.
- Take a sauna after returning from a trip.
- Wash all clothes, and clean and disinfect any footwear worn during the trip.

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## Use disease barriers at all times, and in every situation

- When entering production animal premises always wear protective clothing and footwear provided by the employer, and change these at the border between the 'clean' and the 'dirty' area.
- A separate set of clothing and footwear must be worn outdoors and when on a break.

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## Follow good hygiene practices when working

- Wash and disinfect your hands and footwear whenever necessary and ensure hygienic handling of feed and feeding systems. Note the instructions given by the employer and the Association for Animal Disease Prevention ETT.

For further information:  
[www.evira.fi](http://www.evira.fi) ja [www.ett.fi](http://www.ett.fi)