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Dear Hilary Pearson

#### OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request on 21 May 2018 requesting the following:

*Please provide me with any documentation outlining the risk assessment undertaken and biosecurity plan for African Swine Fever (ASF) in relation to the importing of fresh or frozen pork products, particularly from countries with known outbreaks of the disease.*

The following information is released to you under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

The risk analysis for ASF is included in the following document (pages 17 to 22), which is available on the Ministry for Primary Industries website here:

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/2810-meat-and-meat-products-from-ruminants-and-pigs-draft-import-risk-analysis-february-2014>.

With regard to the 'biosecurity plan', this is not a term that is used in our legislation. Rather, under the Biosecurity Act 1993, an import health standard specifies the requirements to be met for the effective management of risks associated with importing risk goods.

The European Union is the only country that New Zealand imports pork from and where ASF is present. The import health standard for pig meat and pig meat products from the EU manages the risk associated with pork, including risk mitigation measures for ASF. These measures ensure that pork from the EU only come from ASF free countries or zones. The import health standard for pork from the European Union (EU) can be found here: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/1916-pig-meat-and-pig-meat-products-for-human-consumption-from-the-european-union-import-health-standard>.

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I trust this satisfies your request, however if you require further information you can make a new request by sending an email to [Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Wilson', written in a cursive style.

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