As Lunar New Year holiday is coming, please be mindful of African Swine Fever (ASF) and other epizootic disease and follow related regulations to keep them away.

1. With the border has been opened gradually, there is a trend in the number of cases of penalties for illegally carrying animal products for travelers. Moreover, based on previous experiences, it's predicted that illegal cases will increase due to the Luna New Year.

a. Do not carry or mail meat or other animal products when entering.

b. If a person got caught by carrying illegal pork product from the country (region) where African swine fever has occurred in the past 3 years, he/she will be fined NT\$200,000 for the first time and NT\$1 million for repeated violations. If the person does not have resident status, and he/she fails to pay the NT\$200,000 fines immediately. In this case, Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan (BAPHIQ) branch can turn him/her to National Immigration Agency. In the end, he/she will be denied entry to the country.

c. From the countries (regions) where African Swine Fever occurs, the imported pork products sent by post to the recipients from Taiwan, offenders will be fined NT\$200,000 for the first time and NT\$1 million for repeated violations

2. The publicized materials can be downloaded from the African swine fever information area of Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Qua rantine, Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan (<u>https://asf.baphiq.gov.tw/ws.p hp?id=17882</u>).