The EU said it was concerned about the imposition of country-wide bans on imports of EU pork due to the spread of ASF to four EU member states (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Poland). Those WTO members imposing the bans ignore the concept of regionalization as laid down in the WTO's SPS Agreement and by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). It urged members to allow trade of all safe products as soon as possible, especially from non-affected zones.

The EU made similar comments regarding country-wide bans on poultry exports from EU member states affected by highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). It underlined that in the case of both ASF and HPAI the EU had put into place effective detection, control and eradication measures.