



## VETERINARY DRUG ADVISORY

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The Canadian Pork Council advises all hog producers to cease using Carbadox (trade name Mecadox®) at least until Health Canada has completed its review of the availability of this veterinary drug.

The CPC has been informed that Health Canada is reviewing scientific information which suggests that in the interest of human health and safety, the product be banned in food-producing animals.

Hog producers are advised to consult with their veterinary practitioners or other animal health experts regarding alternatives to the use of Carbadox.

The Canadian hog industry's Canadian Quality Assurance (CQA®) on-farm food safety program contains several elements directed at assuring prudent use in swine production of all veterinary drugs. This includes strict observance of withdrawal times to prevent residues in meat.

The CPC will continue to monitor developments and, as it always endeavours to do, assist authorities in communicating any decisions that are made regarding the availability of carbadox and other animal health products