



## ***Pork Council Emphasizes Food Safety of Canadian Pork***

*Ottawa, April 12, 2001* -- “Canadian pork is a safe, wholesome product, which is sold around the world”, said Edouard Asnong, President of the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), the national association of hog farmers.

Mr. Asnong was responding to some recent media reports concerning a Health Canada review of *carbadox*, a veterinary medication which is effective at treating intestinal ailments in young pigs.

The federal health department’s concerns with the drug are primarily with any risks that might exist for those handling the product (such as on farms and in feed mills) as well as potential environmental impacts.

On Tuesday, April 10, on learning of Health Canada’s intentions to propose removing approval of the product, the Canadian Pork Council advised hog producers to stop using the drug, at least until official word comes from Health Canada on further action, which it is hoped will be very soon.

“The Canadian hog industry’s Canadian Quality Assurance (CQA®) on-farm food safety program is designed to assure prudent use in swine production of all veterinary drugs”, added Mr. Asnong. “We are very confident that our regulatory systems and our industry practices promote safe, wholesome pork.”

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