



Canadian Pork Council Acknowledges Health Canada Carbadox Announcement

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(Ottawa, ON) – Following Health Canada’s announcement of the “cease sale” order of the veterinary drug carbadox earlier today, the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), once again, asks hog producers across the country to seek treatment alternatives while Health Canada continues to look into the medication and its use in food-producing animals.

In today’s announcement, Health Canada announced the cease sale order based on a recent scientific review of the drug, used to treat dysentery in pigs.

CPC President Edouard Asnong feels that it is crucial to take all necessary steps to ensure the continued quality and safety of Canadian pork. “We understand that Health Canada is conducting a thorough examination of carbadox and its use in food-producing animals,” Asnong says.

Health Canada will continue to review carbadox as part of its regulatory process. Until the process has been completed, hog producers should consult with their veterinary practitioners or other animal health experts regarding alternatives to the use of carbadox.

Adds Asnong, “Producers rely on the expertise of Health Canada to ensure that products licensed for use are safe and effective. We need to ensure that producers have medications available to them to provide for the health and welfare of their animals, while also maintaining Canada’s internationally-renowned herd health status.”

To this end, the CPC launched the Canadian Quality Assurance (CQA®) on-farm food safety program in 1998. To date, over 7,000 hog producers across the country are enrolled in the CQA® program. By following this program, Canadian producers can ensure local and global customers that they are following the highest standards for hog production. “CPC’s priority is helping to ensure that Canadians are provided with a safe, wholesome product,” Asnong says.

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