



The Canadian pork industry is pleased with Canadian Food Inspection Agency's commitment to protecting the health of Canadian livestock

Ottawa, Ont. [June 23, 2010] Canadian pork producers welcome the news that the restrictions have been lifted on an Alberta slaughter facility.

“The Canadian hog industry is committed to the highest standards of quality, food safety and environmental sustainability,” stated Jurgen Preugschas, Chair of the Canadian Pork Council “and the actions taken over the past few days by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) are a clear demonstration of the strength of Canada’s food inspection system and commitment to safety.”

As a precautionary measure CFIA temporarily suspended production in an Alberta hog processing facility following the detection of apparent lesions on an animal. CFIA initiated an investigation and sent tissue samples for further testing.

Below is the statement CFIA released lifting the restrictions on the Alberta slaughter facility.

Restrictions Lifted from Alberta Slaughter Facility

June 23, 2010: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has conclusively ruled out federally reportable diseases, including foot-and-mouth disease and swine vesicular disease, in pigs at an Alberta slaughter facility.

Based on these results, the Agency has lifted all movement restrictions. The facility has been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, and has resumed regular business. There is no human health or food safety concern associated with this incident.

The CFIA wishes to thank the plant operators and the Province of Alberta for their extensive cooperation during this investigation.

In all cases where federally-reportable diseases are suspected or confirmed, the goal is to minimize disruptions to producers, while respecting Canada’s domestic and international obligations to take appropriate and prudent control measures. These measures are critical for protecting the health of Canadian livestock and maintaining market access.

Source: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/disemala/20100623inde.shtml>

The Canadian Pork Council (CPC) represents a federation of nine provincial pork industry associations and 8,000 hog producers. Exports are a key component in the

Canadian pork industry with over 60% of production being exported to over 100 countries, including the United States.

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