



A CPC UPDATE ON  
**AFRICAN SWINE FEVER PRIORITIES**  
March 25, 2019

## PREPARE

### 1. ASF ADVOCACY

#### Summary:

- CPC is participating in a series of steering committees and working groups to address various aspects of the African swine fever (ASF) file.
- Key issues such as the control of the importation of feed ingredients, and negotiations of bilateral zoning agreements are being raised with senior officials and elected members of parliament.
- The Government of Canada is very active on the file and supportive of CPC's efforts.

#### What's new?

- On March 1, 2019, CPC and CMC met jointly Canadian Border Services Agency Executive Vice-President Tina Namiesniowski on preventative measures at global points of entry and the need for increased detector dog presence.
- On March 7, 2019, CPC met with Global Affairs Canada's China desk to discuss ASF, the risk posed of imported products and the implications of the current of Canada-China relations.
- The CPC attended Minister Bibeau's March 14, 2019, announcement of \$31 million to support the addition of 24 detector dogs at Canadian airports. CPC took advantage of the opportunity to meet with Minister Bibeau to discuss our concerns with ASF being introduced into Canada.

### 2. BILATERAL ZONING RECOGNITION

#### Summary:

- Canada has bilateral zoning agreements with the United States (US) and the European Union (EU). The agreements mean that each country undertakes to recognize the zone(s) established by the other country. Similar zoning agreements are required with other trading partners. Japan is the most important.

- CPC is also working with CFIA to determine if the Canadian pork sector is ready to zone. Is our traceability system robust enough to facilitate rapid zoning?

#### **What's new?**

- Representatives of CPC, Canadian Meat Council, Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada met on March 21, 2019 and agreed to pursue a coordinated approach to zoning in Canada.
- The Industry-Government Zoning Working Group will focus on ensuring Canada has the domestic capacity to zone for ASF and that our zoning efforts are accepted by key trading partners. Initially industry and government will focus their efforts at securing a bilateral agreement with Japan.
- The key CPC will participate in an African swine fever zoning and outbreak response workshop being organized by Olymel in Winnipeg on March 27, 2019.

### **3. ASF COMMUNICATIONS**

- CPC is releasing an ongoing series of communications products via its CPC social media platform.
- These products are applicable to a range of audiences including small-scale producers.
- CPC is also actively collaborating with other stakeholders, including staff at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

#### **What's new?**

- CPC is working on tools targeting specific issues such as the need to keep pork products outside of the barns.
- CPC met with an Ottawa-based communications firm to discuss risk communications.
- Dr. Brockhoff provided an overview of the ASF file at Ontario Pork's March 19-20, 2019 Annual General Meeting

#### 4. ASF FORUM

##### Summary:

- The CFIA is organizing/hosting an international ASF Forum to discuss the threat of ASF to the Americas. It will be held in Ottawa on April 30- May 1, 2019. Numbers will be limited to fewer than 150 participants.
- Several industry stakeholders are helping to sponsor the forum.

##### What's new?

- Minister Bibeau announced on March 14 that Canada will be hosting the first international ASF Forum. It will provide an opportunity to further strengthen international cooperation to stop the spread of ASF.
- Participation in the forum is by invitation and registrations are now being accepted.
- Additional industry partners such as Olymel, Équipe québécoise de santé porcine, and National Pork Producers Council (US) have provided funds for the Forum.

#### 5. WILD PIGS

##### Summary:

- CPC staff is working with the CFIA to develop a strategy to manage the threat posed by wild pigs in Canada. This longer-term initiative is delayed, given the focus on short-term priorities.
- CPC is hearing some feedback that the governments of Ontario and Quebec are beginning to engage on the file.

##### What's new?

- There is some limited discussion on the file at the federal-provincial government level given other more immediate priorities.

## PREVENT

### 1. FEED INGREDIENT IMPORTS

#### Summary:

- Options to address the risk of importing the ASF virus on contaminated feed ingredients including unprocessed grains and oilseeds, as well as associated meals (including corn, soybean, wheat, barley, rice, canola meal, soybean meal, flax seed meal, sunflower seed meal, and corn gluten meal) are being considered.
- Discussions are focused on establishing secondary control zones around Canadian seaports.

#### What's new?

- The CPC has been collaborating with CFIA providing information to help establish the important permit requirements.
- The CFIA is anticipating an announcement of the file during the week of March 25th.

### 2. CANADIAN BORDER SERVICES AGENCY: BORDER MEASURES

#### Summary:

- The CPC is encouraging the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the CFIA to increase preventive measures at the border, to increase traveller awareness and increase surveillance of flights coming from high-risk countries.
- CBSA has begun to train additional dogs and handlers. These will not be available until the fall of 2019.
- Additional signage is being placed at major Canadian airports and discussions are underway to place similar education materials in foreign airports.

#### What's new?

- The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Marie-Claude Bibeau announced new funding of up to \$31 million to increase the number of detector dogs at Canadian airports.
- The funding will allow for the addition of 24 Food, Plant, and Animal Detector Dog Service (DDS) teams over the next 5 years. This brings the total to 39.
- CBSA officials are working closely with their US colleagues to ensure a coordinated Canadian – US approach on ASF. Work is underway to better understand the risks associated with marine cargo and air freight and parcels.