



A CPC UPDATE ON AFRICAN SWINE FEVER PRIORITIES

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PREPARE

1. ASF ADVOCACY

- CPC is participating in a series of steering committees and working groups to address various aspects of the African swine fever (ASF) file.
- Dr. Brockhoff is meeting every week with the National Emergency Operation Center and every other week with Swine Health Ontario.
- 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?

The CPC discussed ASF with United States Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Ted McKinney and a delegation of Members of Parliament from France. In both meetings CPC highlighted the need to work collaboratively on the global spread of ASF and the importance of zoning.

2. INTERNATIONAL ZONING RECOGNITION/DOMESTIC ZONING PREPARATION

- Bilateral zoning agreements allow each country to recognize the zone(s) established by the other country for import and export matters.
- Canada has bilateral zoning agreements with the United States (US) and the European Union (EU).
- Similar zoning agreements are required with other trading partners of which Japan is the most important.
- CPC, Canadian Meat Council, Canada Pork International, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada are pursuing a coordinated approach to zoning in Canada.
 - CPC is working with CFIA to determine if the Canadian pork sector is ready to zone and if our traceability system is robust enough to facilitate rapid zoning.

What's new?

INTERNATIONAL

- The industry-government zoning working groups continues to meet and it is focusing on developments with Japan.

DOMESTIC

- During the CPC spring Members Meeting participants agreed provinces should proceed with individual table-top exercises similar to the one undertaken in Manitoba on March 28, 2019.
- It was agreed that a national meeting of the National Emergency Operations Centre and provincial emergency response centers be arranged for early fall 2019.

3. ASF COMMUNICATIONS

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

What's new?

- Poster warning farm workers not to bring any meat into barns.
- Factsheet giving an overview of ASF.
- Factsheet on the signs of ASF and what to do in case of a suspected outbreak.

4. ASF FORUM

- 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.

What's new?

- The final agenda and Framework for the Forum has been released.
- Minister Bibeau, US Under Secretary of Agriculture, Greg Ibach will welcome representatives from Canada, US, Mexico, UK, France, Denmark, Australia, New Zealand, Czech Republic, China, Japan, Brazil, Chile, OIE and FAO.
- All provincial boards will have producer/staff representation at the Forum.
- There will be important processor representation as well.
- The CPC will host a reception for North American pork industry colleagues on April 29, 2019.

5. WILD PIGS

- 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.

What's new?

- The Équipe québécoise de santé porcine organized a meeting about wild pigs on April 11, 2019 in Drummondville, QC with representatives of CFIA, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Ministry of Forest, Wildlife and Park and the Québec Association of wild boar producers.

6. Testing

- CFIA is not actively testing meat seized at Canadian borders for ASF. Meat seized is considered contaminated and destroyed.

What's new?

- Dr. Brockhoff visited the National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease laboratory to discuss preparedness and disease surveillance in live animals.
- The CPC is considering a project proposal to test the feasibility of using oral fluid samples for active surveillance to claim/maintain ASF free areas during zoning.

PREVENT

1. FEED INGREDIENT IMPORTS

- Imported 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) carry the risk of being contaminated with ASF.

What's new?

- The Canadian government imposed changes to import requirements for unprocessed grains and oilseeds, as well as associated meals destined for use in livestock feed.
- Effective March 29, 2019, new import permit requirement for select commodities coming from ASF affected countries are needed. A secondary control zone has also been established.

2. CANADIAN BORDER SERVICES AGENCY: BORDER MEASURES

- The CPC is working with 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.
- Following additional funding, CBSA has begun to train additional dogs and handlers.
- Additional signage is being placed at major Canadian airports and discussions are underway to place similar education materials in foreign airports.