

A CPC UPDATE ON AFRICAN SWINE FEVER PRIORITIES

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PREPARE

1. ASF ADVOCACY

- CPC staff and board members are participating in a series of steering committees and working groups to address various aspects of the African swine fever (ASF) file.
- The Government of Canada is very active on the file and supportive of CPC's efforts.

What's new?

- The CPC has identified the need for additional resources to address the threat posed by ASF as one of the five pork producer priorities for the 2019 federal election.
- Industry has expressed the need to remove obstacles to be directly embedded in the national emergency operations center (NEOC).
- CPC and CMC are working on a proposal for an ASF coordinator. The expectation is to have the coordinator work out of the National Farmed Animal Health and Welfare Council.
- The CPC fall members meeting on October 22 will include an ASF tabletop exercise on communications.
- The CPC is organizing a face to face meeting of the federal and provincial emergency operations centers on November 25 and 26 in Gatineau, QC, to share key learnings as they prepare to manage an ASF outbreak.

2. INTERNATIONAL ZONING RECOGNITION/DOMESTIC ZONING PREPARATION

- Canada has bilateral zoning agreements with the United States and the European Union.
- Similar agreements are required with other trading partners of which Japan is the most important.
- An Industry-Government working group composed by CPC, Canadian Meat Council, Canada Pork International, Global Affairs Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is pursuing a coordinated approach to zoning in Canada.

What's new?

- The CFIA is in the final stages of completing Japan's questionnaire.

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.

What's new?

- National and provincial communication staff met to review the ASF communication response plan.
- CPC is reaching out to other producer groups to collaborate and further develop the communication response plan.

4. ASF STRATEGY

- CFIA has released its revised framework for action to prevent and mitigate the impacts of ASF in the Americas ([ASF framework for action](#))
- CFIA's forward agenda is available at ([CFIA ASF forward agenda](#))
- The CPC is a member of the ASF Executive Management Board (EMB) which includes CFIA and other stakeholders working together on the Pan-Canadian ASF Action Plan.

What's new?

- The ASF EMB is meeting every two weeks. The board is making progress in the completion of an ASF action plan.
- The OIE's Global Framework for the Progressive Control of Transboundary Animal Diseases for Americas group met in Panama City on September 17, 2019. A standing committee of experts will be established and will meet in Bogota, Colombia in December to discuss border security and ASF.

5. WILD PIGS

- CPC staff is working with the CFIA to develop a strategy to manage the threat posed by wild pigs in Canada.
- The CFIA is developing a plan with Environment and Climate Change Canada to work on the impact of wild pigs on the habitat and as transmitters of disease.

What's new?

- Federal partners are working on a national management strategy.
- The CFIA is working on a response policy relative to the detection of ASF in wild pigs. They will share it with provincial partners in the upcoming months.

6. SURVEILLANCE

- Passive ASF surveillance is already underway in Canada.
- CFIA is not routinely testing meat seized at Canadian borders for ASF. Meat seized is considered contaminated and destroyed.
- CPC is part of the working group exploring different ASF surveillance options in Canada.

What's new?

- The surveillance working group continues to discuss options for enhancing Canada's existing surveillance and is hoping to have recommendations for the ASF EMB soon.

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.
- The Canadian government-imposed changes to import requirements for unprocessed grains and oilseeds, as well as associated meals destined for use in livestock feed, because of their risk of being contaminated with ASF.

What's new?

- CFIA's implementation of import controls for plant-based feed ingredients coming from ASF affected countries is ongoing.
- The list of countries affected by ASF is being updates as new countries report it to the OIE.

2. CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY: BORDER MEASURES

- The CPC is working with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the CFIA to increase preventive measures at the border, to increase traveler awareness and increase surveillance of flights coming from high-risk countries.
- Detector dog teams are focusing on flights/cargo coming from ASF affected countries.

What's new?

- CBSA continues their efforts to prevent the illegal entry of pork products at the border.
- Some airlines have started to make announcements in flight to explain to passengers the Canadian regulations in place and the need to accurately fill in the declaration form when entering Canada.