

UNITED STATES ANIMAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - 2006

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 31 and 45 combined APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES OF SWINE
COMMITTEE ON BRUCELLOSIS

SUBJECT MATTER: CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS CHANGES, SWINE
BRUCELLOSIS

DATES: MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, OCTOBER 12-18, 2006

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The restriction of swine infected with *Brucella suis* from slaughter because of the human health risk has been a valid move. Slaughter plant workers should not work with that risk. The restriction of these animals from slaughter places an undue burden on the producer of a *B. suis* infected herd. The animals that are epidemiologically traced from *B. suis* infected herds can also be a risk to slaughter plant workers.

The presence of *B. suis* exposed feeder and breeder animals in non-infected herds poses the same human health risk as animals in infected herds. Animals from *B. suis* infected herds can not be slaughtered for human consumption and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) does not provide for disposal and/or transportation funds for the removal and destruction of *B. suis* infected swine herds.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) urges the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to amend the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to provide indemnity funds for purchase of any and all *Brucella suis* exposed animals in non infected herds and to provide funds for disposal and transportation of *B. suis* infected swine herds.

RESPONSE:

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS)

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) appreciates the suggestion from the United States Animal Health Association's (USAHA) Committee on Transmissible Diseases of Swine and Committee on Brucellosis to provide indemnity funds for purchase of *Brucella suis* exposed animals in non-infected herds, and to provide funds

for disposal and transportation of *B. suis* infected swine herds. During the past fiscal year, several VS staff members and program managers participated in a management control review of the APHIS-VS indemnity process. The review revealed that there is "an overwhelming consensus that the current 9 CFR regulations are valuable but limited in their scope." VS agrees with the USAHA Committees' suggestion that amendments to 9 CFR part 51 are needed for several issues—including those identified in this resolution. VS will continue its efforts to develop appropriate amendments to this regulation that will provide a consistent, fair, and equitable indemnity process and meet current program indemnity needs to support eradication of brucellosis from U.S. livestock.