

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 23 **Approved**

SOURCE: **COMMITTEE ON SWINE**

SUBJECT MATTER: **Policy Regarding Restocking Requirements and Eligibility for Indemnity of Premises in a Control Area During an African Swine Fever Outbreak**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Policy development during a foreign animal disease (FAD) outbreak is difficult. It requires valuable time and input from many stakeholders. It is imperative that producers and state and federal regulatory officials work together prior to an African swine fever (ASF) outbreak and do as much planning as possible.

Recent policy was implemented by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) during the 2022 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak that required a premises in the buffer zone to submit a biosecurity plan and have a virtual audit performed by either a state or federal regulatory official to be eligible for indemnity if the premises subsequently became infected with HPAI. Premises in the infected zone were not eligible for indemnity from USDA-APHIS-VS if the state allowed restocking.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association requests that the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services define African swine fever (ASF) response policy regarding restocking of premises in control zones, specifically the infected and buffer zones, and for any control areas established by the detection of ASF in feral pigs (which will have extended control area times) and determine prior to an ASF outbreak what policies will be applied.