Resolved: The United States Animal Health Association urges the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to consider incorporating policy that domestic swine premises infected with African swine fever (ASF) be depopulated as soon as possible with depopulation being completed within 15 days of ASF* detection. The allowance of up to 15 days recognizes that swine premises range in size from a few pigs to tens of thousands of pigs, depopulation needs to be done as humanely as possible with consideration for human health and safety, and legal disposal requirements may require depopulation to be extended.

*ASF detection is defined as part of this policy consideration as either a USDA-APHIS-VS National Veterinary Services Laboratory confirmation of the first infected premises in a state or territory, or a National Animal Health Laboratory Network presumptive positive combined with clinical signs on subsequently infected premises in the same state or territory.