

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 24 **Approved**

SOURCE: **COMMITTEE ON SWINE**

SUBJECT MATTER: **Adopting Draft National Standardized Guidelines for Harvesting Establishments Prior to an African Swine Fever Outbreak**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

It is imperative that producers, state regulatory officials, and federal regulatory officials adopt national standardized guidelines for harvesting establishments prior to an African swine fever outbreak. Specifically, guidelines are needed for harvesting establishments that are infected/contaminated premises, a contact premises, or a premises in a control area.

The draft guidelines for harvesting establishments are available through the Committee on Swine.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association requests the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services recognize and consider adopting the draft guidelines developed by the Harvesting Establishment Working Group for harvesting establishments.

USDA APHIS INTERIM RESPONSE:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) recognizes the concerns of the United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) and appreciates the opportunity to respond.

APHIS concurs with incorporating the draft National Standardized Guidelines for Harvesting Establishments into APHIS, State, and private sector response planning. APHIS emphasizes these guidelines need to be continually reviewed and updated, and require a broad group of reviewers, including USDA Food Safety and Inspection Services (FSIS) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).