
RESOLUTION NUMBER: 26

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SOURCE:

COMMITTEE ON SWINE

SUBJECT MATTER:

Establish National Standardized Permitting Guidance for an African Swine Fever Outbreak Prior to the Outbreak

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Developing national standardized permitting requirements during an African swine fever (ASF) outbreak will be difficult to achieve and will take a considerable amount of time. Time at the beginning of an outbreak will be needed to manage the disease response and not develop protocols. It is imperative that producers, state regulatory officials, and federal regulatory officials work together, prior to an ASF outbreak, to establish the core principles of the testing and permitting requirements. It is understood that permitting is done at the state animal health official level and can vary, but it is to all stakeholders' benefit and responsibility to create consistency and transparency.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association (USAHA) requests the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) to:

1. Publish specific information regarding testing and permitting for control areas for an African swine fever outbreak on a USDA-APHIS-VS web page.
2. Publish the attached document entitled "Draft African Swine Fever National Standardized Permitting Guidance for Control Areas" on the USDA-APHIS-VS web page.
3. Recognize the USAHA Committee on Swine, or its designated sub-committee, to review, no less than annually, the document titled "Draft African Swine Fever National Standardized Permitting Guidance for Control Areas". The USAHA Committee on Swine, or its designated sub-committee, will consult with individuals with subject matter expertise to update the document.

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 will continue to work with the USAHA Swine Committee and additional subject matter experts to develop the diagnostic testing, surveillance, and biosecurity requirements for the different categories of swine production in a Control Area.