

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 6 APPROVED

SOURCE: COMMITTEE ON SWINE

SUBJECT MATTER: Swine Traceability Standards

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A foreign animal disease outbreak in the United States (US), such as African swine fever or foot and mouth disease, would result in the immediate suspension of US pork exports. The ability of the US government to regionalize the outbreak and demonstrate to US trading partners where the disease is present and where it is not is entirely dependent on having an effective, industry-wide mandatory preharvest traceability system. In 2022, the US exported over 25 percent of production, totaling over \$7.7 billion in pork and pork products. Enhanced traceability standards will be imperative to resume international trade.

The mandatory swine traceability standards were developed by an industry led task force representing all segments of the swine industry, including state animal health officials. The standards were approved by producer delegates representing forty-two states at the National Pork Industry Forum in March 2024. On March 18, 2024, the standards were submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service for consideration along with a petition requesting they be adopted as part of the Code of Federal Regulations.

The referenced swine traceability standards can be accessed at the following link: https://nppc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Swine-Traceability-Standards_FINAL-DRAFT.pdf

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association requests that the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services adopt the industry developed Swine Traceability Standards as part of Code of Federal Regulations governing swine health.